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## WEEKEND OUTLOOK

### FORT BLISS

| Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday  |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |
| Sunny<br>Hi 93, Lo 69   | Partly cloudy<br>Hi 96, Lo 69   | Sunny<br>Hi 96, Lo 70   |

### BAGHDAD, IRAQ

| Friday   | Saturday   | Sunday   |
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| Sunny<br>Hi 112, Lo 81   | Sunny, hot<br>Hi 112, Lo 79  | More of same<br>Hi 113, Lo 80  |



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SPC. LEEANN LLOYD

## Keeping the peace

Staff Sgt. Stephen Horn, team leader with 978th Military Police Company's 1st Platoon, investigates two firepits while on a convoy mission in Iraq. For more see page 7.

# Fuel tanks uncovered

## Experts say discovery poses no threat of explosion, leakage

**PVT. STEPHEN BAACK**

*Monitor Staff*

Construction on Biggs Army Airfield has uncovered nine fuel tanks that date back as far as the 1930s. The tanks may have been used to pressurize blimps formerly housed at the airfield.

In the fall of 2001 during the construction of the deployment facility, Weston Solutions found two unidentified, liquid-filled 500-gallon tanks. Later that fall, David Dodge, project manager of Engineering & Environment, Inc., and Dr. Robert Lenhart also of E&E, determined that by looking at old drawings of blimps at Biggs Army Airfield, the tanks were used to pressurize blimps.

According to a memo sent to Dr. Lenhart, "Gasoline tanks and [underground storage tanks] were probably in existence since its construction but definitely by June 28, 1930... By 1937 fuel storage at the blimp base totaled 60,000 gallons."

A study was done in the 1970's to determine the exact position of the torn-down blimp base. The study placed the hangars a mile and a half away from the actual location, said Dodge.

E&E conducted a geo-physical survey using electro-conductivity meters to take pictures underground, said Dodge. E&E needed this step to find other pos-

sible tanks, he said.

"We found these drawings that said the blimp base might be there," said Dodge. "Then we went looking for it and realized that the construction [of the deployment facility] was right on top of it. We had to figure out a way to get a picture without disturbing the construction."

## New post policy limits cell phone use in autos

**PFC. MICHAEL GARRET**

*Monitor Staff*

As one of his last official actions as Installation Commander, Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Green enacted a policy limiting the use of cellular telephones in moving vehicles.

While the policy does not prohibit the use of all cell phones on post, it does outline the proper use of the devices on post.

According to the new policy letter -- which went into effect July 1 -- the use of cellular phones while operating a vehicle "creates an unnecessary and avoidable risk to the driver, other motorists, pedestrians, and the Fort Bliss community."

The military police that enforce traffic laws and investigate motor vehicle accidents on Fort Bliss agree that cellular telephones present a potential danger.

"Once we got this initial report, which was dated March 2002, we looked at additional Army Air Corps drawings and said, 'Gee, there are other places we should be looking.'"

Therefore E&E decided to do another geo-physical survey July 2002, said

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Traffic Accident Investigations Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Staff Sgt. Damon Johnson said, "Our whole job is to prevent accidents and cellular phones are a big distraction to drivers." Johnson said the phones are a danger in that they may take the driver's attention away from the road.

According to the policy, hands-free cellular phones are allowed as long as they meet certain criteria.

The hands-free device must allow for voice-activated dialing and allow the driver to initiate and terminate the connection while at all times keeping both hands on the steering wheel.

The hands-free device cannot require the use of an earpiece of any type. The device must either have a speaker or rely on the vehicle's preexisting audio system for amplification of sound.

Drivers who use cellular phones,

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*Army News Service*

MOSUL, Iraq – About six weeks ago, the 101st Airborne Division formed the Joint Iraqi Security Company with a vision – to recruit, train, resource, and equip volunteers from across northern Iraq who would play an important role in the country’s future.

Upon being charged by the division leadership to undertake this task, the 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery "Strike Fear" rapidly planned, prepared, and executed a rigorous training cycle to prepare JISC candidates for their future of securing and preserving the peace in a new and free Iraq.

The recruits were primarily from northern Iraq and came from several different ethnic backgrounds, including Kurdish and Arabic soldiers from Peshmerga Forces, New Iraqi Security Forces, and former Iraqi Freedom Fighters. When they volunteered to join up, none of the soldiers had any idea what the future held – only that the concepts

and ideals of the future held far better promise than those of the past.

Although roughly half of the soldiers had previous military experience, the terrain and weather conditions truly tested the depths of their character. Candidates trained six days a week in temperatures that routinely exceeded 110 degrees Fahrenheit. They spent countless hours on physical training, weapons handling, first aid, drill and ceremonies, and small unit infantry tactics.

Training cadre consisted of Capt. Brian DeLeon, 1st Lt. Daniel Donovan, and 1st Sgt. Gary James. Along with assistance from both division and battalion staff elements, they quickly recognized the historical significance of their mission and poured all their energy and effort into making the JISC vision a reality.

The biggest challenge was “the language barrier,” DeLeon said. Throughout the training cycle he used multiple interpreters to explain over and over the tasks, conditions, and standards for each training event.

James, the senior noncommissioned officer involved in the project, pointed out, “they don’t really have an NCO Corps, so everything they do is centralized through the officers.”

Notwithstanding these challenges in training, the Strike Fear cadre “led by example” and personally demonstrated each and every task the soldiers needed to acquire.

As the training progressed, they quickly learned the invaluable lesson of working together as a team. Ultimately, all soldiers embraced the common goal to “cooperate and graduate.”

On graduation day, a bold visual impression of the company’s commitment to teamwork and loyalty to one another was found fluttering in the desert wind on their company guidon. On the two- by three-foot flag was the symbol of two hands clasped together. However, this symbol of a handshake signified much more than just an agreement. It was an unequivocal statement that they would all look forward, not

backwards, and strive towards a loftier pursuit – a free and democratic Iraq unchained from its oppressive past.

Unmistakably, the graduation ceremony marked a historic first step forward for the Joint Iraqi Security Company that is already assisting coalition forces secure and preserve the peace in northern Iraq. Witnessed by numerous civilian leaders from the city of Mosul and the surrounding four provinces, the overarching feeling at the ceremony was one of optimism and hope. Optimism because of the remarkable progress that is being made all over northern Iraq in stabilizing the peace, and hope that the brave soldiers of the first Joint Iraqi Security Company will light the path toward a brighter Iraqi future – a future of hope and promise being written every day.

*(Editor's note: Fryc is currently serving as the commander of 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in northern Iraq.)*

### Dulce et Decorum Est

By Wilfred T. Owen

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,  
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,  
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,  
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.  
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,  
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame, all blind;  
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to hoots  
Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.

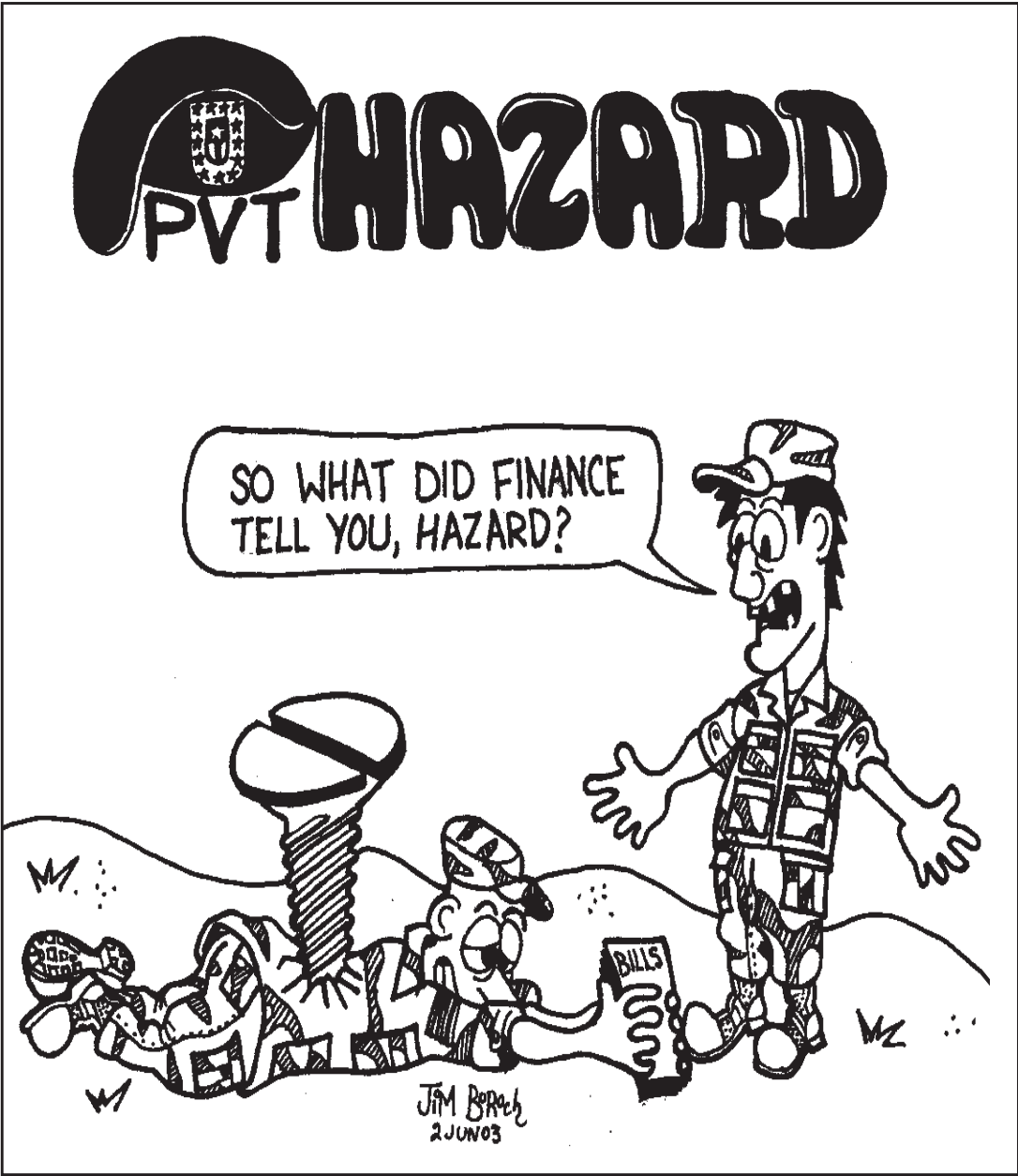
Gas ! Gas ! Quick, boys ! – An ecstasy of fumbling,  
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,  
But someone was yelling out and stumbling  
And floundering like a man in fire or lime.-  
Dim through the misty panes and thick green light,  
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.  
In all my dreams before my helpless sight  
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.

If in some smothering dreams, you too could pace  
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,  
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,  
His hanging face, like a devil’s sick of sin;  
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood  
Come gargling from the forth-corrupted lungs,  
Bitter as the cud

Of Vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,-  
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest  
To children ardent for some desperate glory,  
The old lie: Dulce et decorum est Pro patria mori\*

\* *It’s sweet and meet to die for one’s country*

Wilfred T. Owen is a poet who joined the Army in 1915. his stay in the hospital in edinburgh was greatly encouraged in his writing by Siegfried Sassoon.



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# Soldier killed in Iraq; Operation Ivy Serpent yields results

BY KATHLEEN T. RHEM

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – A 3rd Infantry Division soldier was killed and six others wounded in Baghdad early July 14 when their convoy was attacked with rocket-propelled grenades, U.S. Central Command officials said.

In the north, Operation Ivy Serpent, launched July 12 to search for resistance fighters and organizers and weapons and ammunition, is yielding results. Roughly 300 detainees – including several members of the Baath regime – have been captured and several weapons caches seized, according to CENTCOM news releases.

Fourth Infantry Division and Task Force Ironhorse soldiers have conducted 27 raids as part of the operation. An early morning raid July 13 captured “three former regime loyalist leaders,” noted released information.

In the past day, soldiers have confiscated 800 82mm mortar rounds, 50 AK-47 rifles, and 26 rocket-propelled grenades, as well as several hand grenades.

Ivy Serpent soldiers will “sweep the task force’s area and root out elements that have attacked coalition forces,” a CENTCOM release said.

The same release noted no Iraqi civilians or coalition forces have been killed or wounded in the operation.

## Cell phone

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which do not meet the hands-free requirements, must do so while the vehicle is lawfully parked with the engine turned off.

This prohibition includes the use of government-issued cellular phones while operating a vehicle of any type on the installation, and includes official and personal calls.

The new policy letter constitutes a lawful general order, is punitive, and applies to all military and civilian personnel on post.

Soldiers who violate this policy are subject to adverse administrative action and/or disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Civilian offenders will be issued a written warning as result of a first offense. The second offense may result in an immediate suspension of driving privileges for thirty days. The third offense may result in a permanent revocation of driving privileges.

The special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will handle second and third offenses by civilian drivers.



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## Fuel

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Dodge. From this survey, E&E confirmed the location of an approximately 25,000-gallon tank and indicated additional tanks.

“We went out and began looking for what we thought were four tanks. We found three tanks that are filled with a very high-purity aviation-type gasoline, and we found a big water system that seemed to have some connection to it. Nobody’s altogether sure exactly what the water system does,” said Dodge.

“We then went out further into the parking area to see if we could find this last indication of some piece of metal underground. When we were digging, that’s when we discovered the huge tank: 10 and a half feet in diameter” said Dodge.

The tank was filled to the top with water and a small amount of fuel, Dodge said.

So far E&E has discovered nine tanks, but only uncovered seven. The two still underground are beneath the jet taxiway, said Dodge.

Monday marked the start of an excavation of the three newly discovered tanks and the water system. Weston Solutions has taken samples of the liquids in all tanks, including the three most recently found. Assaigai Analytical Laboratories test-



PVT. STEPHAN BAACK

**David Dodge examines a newly discovered water pump connected to three fuel tanks recently excavated on Biggs Army Airfield.**

ed the liquids and tanks to discover the common thread is a combination of water and aviation fuel. Neither the tanks, nor the liquids inside are a danger to Fort Bliss, said Dodge. While the tanks show no signs of leakage and remain intact, Dodge said they do need to be removed because they limit the ability to build

and dig in the area.

“We’ve got to go back sometime next fiscal year and look for these last two locations that are under the taxiway. That will possibly help us finalize this picture,” said Dodge.

Removal of the unearthed tanks is currently underway.

# 69th ADA Brigade changes commanders

SPC. KRIS STEWARD

69th ADA Bde. Public Affairs

The outgoing commander of an air defense artillery brigade whose soldiers deployed to four different countries during Operation Iraqi Freedom relinquished command July 11 at the Giebelstadt Army Airfield, Germany.

Col. Roger F. Mathews stepped down from command of the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and passed the colors to new commander, Col. Robert K. Lawrence, in a change-of-command ceremony at the airfield hangar.

“This is a wonderful day and a tough day for the Mathews Family,” said Mathews as he bid farewell to more than 200 guests and 700 soldiers who participated in the ceremony. “Two years ago, I said I was honored and humbled to be your new brigade commander. Those words accurately describe my feelings now.”

Mathews congratulated the soldiers of 69th ADA for enduring the challenges of and successfully engaging in combat operations throughout Southwest Asia and the Middle East in support of the war in Iraq.

“6-52, ‘Always Prepared’, had deployed to Egypt, Kuwait and is now redeploying from Operation Iraqi Freedom,” said Mathews. “What a record of excellence: safe deployments, zero serious injuries, no property lost, Scuds engaged, thousands of miles logged in those desert countries and most importantly, every soldier returned home.”

“5-7 ADA deployed to Israel for one of the premier Theater Air and Missile Defense exercises, conducted that exercise in a first-class manner, then stayed in Israel for three more months to support Operation Iraqi Freedom,” he said. “Our mutual defense of Israel was the most memorable event in my command tour and something I’ll remember forever.”

Mathews added he was impressed with 5-7 ADA’s efforts to further support war operations in Turkey.

He recognized the soldiers for their hard work and diligence.

“Everyday, while I was lucky enough to count myself in the ranks of this fine unit, I was forever in awe of each of you,” Mathews said. “I also had at my side the best battalion commanders and command sergeants major in the Army. They understood what it took to train soldiers and to prepare them for combat.”

Brig. Gen. Donald L. Jacka Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Army V Corps rear, described how Mathews’ experience years ago as a battalion commander for the 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery of the 1st Infantry Division in Kitzingen, Germany, enabled Mathews to understand and deal with the challenges of deployments and training soldiers for war.

“A very successful career has taught, and he (Mathews) learned, all the key lessons that make units great and motivate soldiers to perform their finest,” said Jacka. “In addition to his brilliantly successful leadership during wartime, Col. Mathews was also an outstanding leader during peacetime. Col. Mathews and Connie have made significant and enduring impacts on the brigade by always going the extra mile for soldiers and their families.”

Mathews thanked members of the military and German communities who he said play key roles in the success of the brigade. He paid special tribute to his two daughters and his wife Connie for their endless support.

“Thank you for being there for the brigade, for the community, for me,” said Mathews.

Mathews and his family return to Fort Bliss where he will become the Chief of Staff for the 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command.



SPC. KRIS STEWARD

**Col. Roger F. Mathews, right, outgoing commander, passes the colors of the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade to Brig. Gen. Donald L. Jacka Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Army V Corps rear, during a change of command ceremony July 11 at the Giebelstadt Army Airfield, Germany. Col. Robert K. Lawrence, left, assumes command of the brigade.**



# Next BRAC will reflect changing times

GERRY J. GILMORE  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON There were 97 major base closures and 55 major realignments during previous base realignment and closure actions in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995, according to DoD documents.

Besides cutting redundant infrastructure, those BRACs resulted in a net savings of \$16 billion through fiscal 2001, according to DoD figures, and annually recurring savings of \$6 billion beyond then.

However, almost a decade has passed since the last BRAC was conducted, Raymond DuBois, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, noted during a July 10 Pentagon interview. Congress authorized DoD to execute a new BRAC round in 2005.

Much has changed since 1995, DuBois emphasized, pointing to today's war against global terrorism.

"A great deal has changed in the last 10 years that ought to lead any thinking person to the conclusion that (another BRAC) is a good thing to do," he said.

The next BRAC will affect state-side and U.S. territory bases. DoD, he added, is also looking at its global military force structure to see if it meets today's national security needs. Lessons learned from 9-11 and the ensuing war on terrorism, DuBois noted, suggest that adjustments should also be conducted with forces sta-

tioned overseas.

And besides trimming excess real estate that's costly to maintain, he explained, another BRAC would assist DoD to become more "joint."

"We ought to look at how all four services can utilize a reconfigured footprint to better support the warfighting plans of the combatant commanders," DuBois said.

Although not addressed in the 2005 BRAC, it's well known, DuBois pointed out, that "there are (overseas) places where we have a concentration of troops basically as a legacy from the Cold War – as a legacy of the post-World War II situation between the Warsaw Pact and NATO."

The Cold War "has gone away," he asserted. Consequently, he pointed

out, there is no longer a need for having 70,000 U.S. troops based in Germany. In fact, DuBois noted that U.S. combatant commanders are slated to meet soon to study today's worldwide basing and warfighting needs.

The 2005 BRAC, DuBois noted, will reconfigure stateside military infrastructure to meet the realities of the 21st century. Some installations, he explained, will gain assets while others will be closed.

"The secretary of defense, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs (of Staff) and the combatant commanders have learned that our force structure is not necessarily positioned in the right place," DuBois pointed out, to carry out U.S. military deployment and

warfighting plans in the most efficient way.

Another potential result derived from another round of base realignments and closures, DuBois noted, is fewer duty station moves: Remaining military installations would be in advantageous locations related to their military missions.

If servicemembers move less from station to station during their careers, then "I think that has a positive impact on quality of life," DuBois said.

Basically, the war against global terrorism has caused DoD to rethink "what opportunities should we have for basing, for deployment, for supply lines – globally," DuBois concluded.



SPC. LUCIANO VERA

### USACAS change of command

Lt. Col. Michael Sippel succeeds Lt. Col. Alan Castleberry as commander of the United States Arms Support Battalion during a change of command ceremony Monday at Memorial Circle. Sippel was previously assigned to the United States Training Mission in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Castleberry will assume the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va.

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Field artillery trucks line up at a palace in Baghdad to transport ammunition for proper disposal.



Sgt. Bryan Simon, medic with 1st Platoon, checks out the remains of a palace in Baghdad.



Soldiers check out some missiles and ammunition waiting to be destroyed.

# 978th MPs work at KEEPING CONVOYS SAFE

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SPC. LEEANN LLOYD  
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SUSAN LAVEN

When soldiers with the 978th Military Police Company's First Platoon deployed to Iraq in April, they didn't know what types of missions to expect. They never imagined their missions would lead them to one of Saddam's palaces in central Baghdad – just one of many points to which the MPs escort convoys.

Starting the day at about 4:30 a.m., the soldiers already know it's going to be a long one. When escorting field artillery units with ammunition to be destroyed on their trucks, the MPs know anything is a possibility, and are prepared for just that.

"The field artillery batteries pick up ammunition, and our job is to escort them safely to different sites for their download missions," 978th's First Platoon Leader, 2nd Lt. Rob Rogers, said.

"They need MP support because they are transporting large ammunition loads HEMTTs [Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck] throughout Baghdad, a highly populated area. We know the routes, and set up traffic control points so the convoy can roll safely through," Rogers said.

The morning begins with a brief of what to expect for the day, and whether or not an overnight stay at the download site might be expected.

Once on the road, it's up to the MPs to check out any suspicious activity. On one mission, the team encountered two burning pits on the side of the road.

"The way the war is going, we still have a lot of hit and run attacks. We still have to be on the

lookout for civilians who want to engage in guerrilla warfare. Burning pits on the side of the road could be an aversion so the enemy could do just that – distract and engage," said Team Leader Staff Sgt. Stephen Horn.

The burning pits turned out to be oil, with no immediate threat to the convoy, and the troops continued on to their destination.

It's not until getting to the site and uploading the ammo that the MPs job begins.

"Our job starts when those trucks are loaded. That's the whole reason we are here, is to protect those soldiers and those rounds," Horn said.

By the time they convoy to the designated drop point for the ammo, it's already been a full day for most civilians in America. More often than not the convoy missions extend overnight, possibly longer. When that happens the soldiers sleep on the tops of their Humvees, not a particularly comfortable resting spot, but a place to lay their heads none the less.

The soldiers have encountered many dangers while on missions, ranging from enemy small-arms fire in what they call "Sniper Alley," to dealing with impatient civilians trying to run their TCPs. But for the 978th MPs, it's all in a day's work.

"It's another day in the sandbox," Rogers said. "We're missing our families and loved ones, but we're doing our jobs as soldiers. The troops are doing a great job.

The people at Fort Bliss can be really proud of these guys."



Spc. Joseph Price pulls security from his Humvee while on a convoy mission.



# One-man shop keeps 978th up and running

SPC. LEEANN LLOYD

Monitor Staff

LSA DOGWOOD, Iraq – His desert camouflage uniforms have been replaced with grease-stained coveralls. His name is Doy Tootsie, and he is a one-man shop in the art of automotive repair. His mission is solely to keep 978th Military Police Company's First Platoon up and running. As the only light-wheeled vehicle mechanic with the platoon, the task is not always an easy one.

"My mission is to keep the vehicles mobile and repaired, and to take care of on-the-spot corrections as far as unit-level maintenance is concerned," Tootsie said.

Most of the time, the specialist's work calls for 'third shop' maintenance, such as changing tires or transmission repair. Sometimes, though, things are a little more troublesome. When Platoon Leader 2nd Lt. Rob Rogers' vehicle went down, between the harsh Iraqi dust and lack of needed parts, getting the vehicle up and running again became a two-day mission for Tootsie.

"I had to replace the power steering pump. The shaft of the power steering pump snapped off, causing the power steering pump pulley to go through the fan blades. I had to replace and repair all broken parts," Tootsie said.

"We have asked the brigade currently supporting us to assist with obtaining automotive parts, but a lot of the times we have to wheel and deal around the compound," Tootsie said. Radial tires are what he needs most, he said.

"The road services in Iraq are substandard. Our Humvees are at a higher risk for a lot of road hazards when you consider the metal and scraps on the roads, and all the off-road driving we do," Tootsie noted.

Tootsie takes what he does very seriously, because he understands that a simple vehicle mal-

function at the wrong moment could be a crucial, or even deadly, mistake.

"When our guys go on missions, if they have to leave one vehicle behind, it decreases the security of the convoy. That means there are teams out there to properly secure the convoy," Tootsie said.

Preventive maintenance checks and services are the key to keeping the vehicles in good shape, Tootsie said.

"When they're not on missions, the soldiers are checking out their vehicles. They do what they can to help, because they know I am only one man and can't do all of the work on my own," Tootsie said.

Keeping the vehicles properly maintained isn't Tootsie's only concern. He also has to make sure he keeps himself properly maintained. If he is ill, there is no one else to take his place.

"In 130-degree temperatures where we don't have shade or cover and we work in direct sunlight, it's very important to take care of yourself. We are very aware of the possibility of heat exhaustion and have to constantly keep hydrated," Tootsie said.

While Tootsie's missions can seem never-ending at times, it doesn't keep his mind off the things he misses most from back home: his wife of 10 years, Anne, and his three children. Tootsie has two boys, 10-year-old Lomataywa and 7-year-old Tepsivaya, and one girl, 5-year-old Selena. The hardest part for him, like many soldiers, is being without them.

To pass time and get him through, Tootsie relies on his creative abilities and his faith in his Native American heritage with the Hopi Tribe. Tootsie draws on the rocks on the floor of his tent, adding a festive energy and décor. Once in a while he'll do a rain dance, and once in a while it works, he said.

But while away from his family and the life he's used to, he's made a family of the soldiers who surround him.

"These MPs watch my back; they catch me if I

fall. It's good to know I have their support. I couldn't work for a better bunch of guys," Tootsie said.



SPC. LEEANN LLOYD

Spc. Doy Tootsie, light-wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 978th MP Co.'s 1st Platoon, repairs a tire on a Humvee.

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# Attacks on Americans in Iraq likely to continue, increase

KATHLEEN T. RHEM  
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WASHINGTON -- The closer coalition forces get to completely dismantling the remnants of Iraq's ousted Baath government, the "more vicious" attacks on American forces in that country are likely to become, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said this week.

Since President Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq, at least 79 American troops have been killed and nearly 400 others injured. The most recent American casualties came when a soldier was killed and two others were injured "when a tractor trailer crashed into their military vehicle," according to a U.S. Central Command release.

Unfortunately, Rumsfeld contended on Sunday's NBC News "Meet the Press," this trend is likely to continue until Saddam Hussein's remaining supporters are rooted out.

"(The president) said major combat operations have ended," Rumsfeld said. "He did not say the war had ended. He did not say there would be no one else killed."

He agreed with comments by Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, American civil administrator in Iraq, that "it's going to be a rough summer." Rumsfeld said officials have even surmised attacks might increase in July, "which is an anniversary for a lot of

*'There's still a lot of people from the Baathist (party) and Fedayeen Saddam (death squads) ... who are there, who are disadvantaged by the fact that their regime has been thrown out and would like to get back, but they're not going to succeed.'*

Donald Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense

Baathist events." The secretary blamed the attacks on supporters of the former regime who are afraid of the American policy of "de-Baathification" and are determined to do something about it. "There's still a lot of people from the Baathist (party) and Fedayeen Saddam (death squads) ... who are there, who are disadvantaged by the fact that their regime has been thrown out and would like to get back," Rumsfeld said, adding, "But they're not going to succeed."

There is debate among the intelligence community on the level of organization within the resistance, Rumsfeld said. Clearly, he explained, there is some level of organization in regions and cities. But there's "no conviction" among intelligence experts

that resistance is being coordinated on a national level.

What is clear is that the remnants are targeting areas in which the coalition and Iraqi people are successful in working together, Rumsfeld said. Recent attacks have targeted a university and an Iraqi police station.

To combat this resistance, the United States launched new Operation Ivy Serpent July 12. According to CENTCOM officials, the operation is concentrated in the region between the cities of Bayji, Huwayyah, and Samarra.

"Coalition members encourage the local Iraqi leadership to take the initiative and aid in the capture of subversive elements that attempt to hinder the rebuilding of Iraq," stated a CENTCOM release.

Fear that Hussein might regain power is an important factor in preventing some Iraqis from embracing progress. "Here's a man that for 30 years was killing people -- hundreds and hundreds and tens of thousands of people -- Iraqi people he killed. So there is fear he might come back," Rumsfeld said.



"He isn't going to come back," he added. "Let there be no doubt about that."

In spite of this fear, many Iraqis are committed to improving their lot and their country. "There are a great many Iraqi people ... who are signing up to be policemen, signing up to go back in the army, opening schools, opening universities, opening hospitals," the secretary said. "And there's a lot of progress taking place on the ground."

The United States is currently spending about \$4 billion per month to maintain the roughly 147,000 American troops on the ground in Iraq. Rumsfeld said this troop level is "unlikely to go up" but could conceivably, if the security situation in the country changes. "If they're needed, they will be there," he said.



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DANIEL P. MCKERNAN  
Legal Assistance Office

Beginning in October, the National Do Not Call Registry, managed and enforced by the Federal Trade Commission, will become operational. This registry gives everyone an opportunity to limit the telemarketing calls they receive. As of Oct. 1, most telemarketers will be required to remove the numbers on the registry from their call lists.

The registry will offer consumers a choice regarding telemarketing calls and is the culmination of a three-year review of telemarketing practices in conjunction with the Telemarketing Sales Rule. People who register by Aug. 31, will start receiving fewer telemarketing calls as of Oct. 1. Those people who register after Sept. 1 can continue to receive telemarketing calls for up to three months after the registration date. As of July 14, 25 million people have registered with the National Do Not Call Registry.

About 27 states already have active "do not call" lists. Most of these states will transfer numbers from their lists to the National Do Not Call Registry. Some will not. To find out if your state is transferring its numbers to the national registry, you can check the Internet at [www.ftc.gov/donotcall](http://www.ftc.gov/donotcall). If your state is transferring its list, you do not have to re-register with the national registry. If you are uncertain whether you are on a state's "do not call" list, you can still register with the national registry.

Once a person registers their telephone number, the number is available for telemarketers to remove it from their call lists by the very next day. Even with that, telemarketers will be allowed up to three months from the date of registration to get their phone number removed from call lists. If for some reason a phone number is deleted from the registry, telemarketers have up to three months to access information about the deletion and to add the number back to their call lists.

People should be aware that for every great idea, a scam artist waits to take advantage of it. If you get a phone call from someone offering to put your name and phone number on the national registry, it is a scam. The FTC does not allow private companies



or individuals to register consumers for the national registry. Web sites or phone solicitations claiming the ability to register your name and phone number for free, or worse yet for a fee are a scam. The real purpose behind such offers is to obtain money and personal information from you. The national registry is a free service offered by the federal government.

You can register your home phone and cell phones on the national registry, up to three phones each time you register. If you call to register your

phone numbers, you will only be allowed to register one phone number for each call. The phone number to register is 1-888-382-1222. If you have registered on line, you will get an email for each number you registered. You must open each email and click on the enclosed link to complete registration.

Once registered, your phone numbers will remain on the national registry for five years. If you move and get a new phone number, you must re-register the new phone number if you

want to avoid the calls from telemarketers. At the same time, you are not required to remove the old phone number as the system will automatically remove numbers that are disconnected for any reason. Once your phone is disconnected, if you have it reconnected, you would be required to re-register with the national registry.

You should understand registering does not stop all telemarketers from calling. Telemarketers calling to solicit charitable contributions, solely to conduct a survey, and from political organizations are still allowed.

If you have been on the registry for at least three months and receive a call from a telemarketer you believe should not be calling, you can file a complaint on the Web site. To do so, requires either the name or telephone number of the company that called and the date of the call. Without this information, no action can be taken on your complaint.

If you register before Aug. 31, you can file a complaint if a telemarketer calls you on or after Oct. 1. If you register after Aug. 31, you can file a complaint for telemarketer calls received after three months from the date of registration. Besides filing a complaint on the Web site, you can call 1-888-362-1222.

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# Possible American troops in Liberia not to be under U.N. control

KATHLEEN T. RHEM

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Any large-scale deployment of American troops to Liberia would not be under U.N. control, President George W. Bush said at the White House Monday.

"We would not be blue-helmeted," he said after meeting with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. Instead, Bush continued, "We would be there to facilitate (an international force's entry) and then to leave."

Bush said American involvement would be in the form of assistance to the Economic Community of West African States. "It may require troops, but we don't know how many yet," he said.

The U.S. European Command deployed a Humanitarian Assistance Support Team of 35 military members to Liberia July 7 to assess military and humanitarian support requirements. A Pentagon spokesman explained this team is comprised of experts in civil affairs, medical treatment, preventive medicine, contracting, civil engineering, public affairs, logistics and water purification. The HAST also includes 15 Marines for security.

Most of the team's members came from U.S. Naval Forces Europe, headquartered in London.

Bush said he'd make a decision on additional military support once he has a report of this team's assessment, but he didn't give any timeline.

He did note that the United States would take no further action until Liberian President Charles Taylor leaves the country. Taylor has agreed to step down, but has made no move in that direction. Press reports indicate that Nigeria has offered him asylum.

Speaking with Bush, Annan indicated an initial peacekeeping force sent to Liberia by ECOWAS would be

comprised of 1,000 to 2,500 international troops.

"After that, ... President Taylor will leave Liberia, and then the force will be strengthened, hopefully with U.S. participation and additional troops from the West African region," he said. "And eventually U.N. blue helmets will be set up to stabilize the situation. ... And once the situation is calmer and (more stable), the U.S. would leave and the U.N. peacekeepers will carry on the operation."

The United States upped its mili-

tary contingency in Africa over the weekend. On July 13, roughly 100 service members and four military aircraft deployed to West Africa to support the HAST team should emergency evacuation become necessary.

Three HH-60 Pavehawk helicopters and the personnel needed to support them were sent to Sierra Leone from Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland. An MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft was sent to Senegal from its Air Force base in Mildenhall, England.



PFC. MICHAEL GARRETT

## Change of Command

Col. Stephen M. Wilkins relinquished command of the 76th Military Police Battalion and the title of Fort Bliss Provost Marshal to Lt. Col. Thomas T. Koesters Tuesday in a ceremony at Noel Field. Wilkins is leaving Fort Bliss to complete an Army Chief of Staff Fellowship with the U.S. State Department. Koesters is coming to Fort Bliss having most recently served as deputy brigade commander for the 16th Military Police Brigade.

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VIRGINIA REZA

## Internship class begins at WBAMC

The Beaumont Army Medical Center Graduate Medical Education Intern Class of 2004 began an intensive three-week in-processing seminar June 9. The seminar encompassed a wide range of mandatory hospital and military training. The class consists of 20 Army and three VA civilian interns. Four will join the general surgery program, seven will join the internal medicine program, another four will join the orthopedics program, and eight are transitional. They reported for duty July 1, and started the first of 13 rotations they must complete for an internship diploma.

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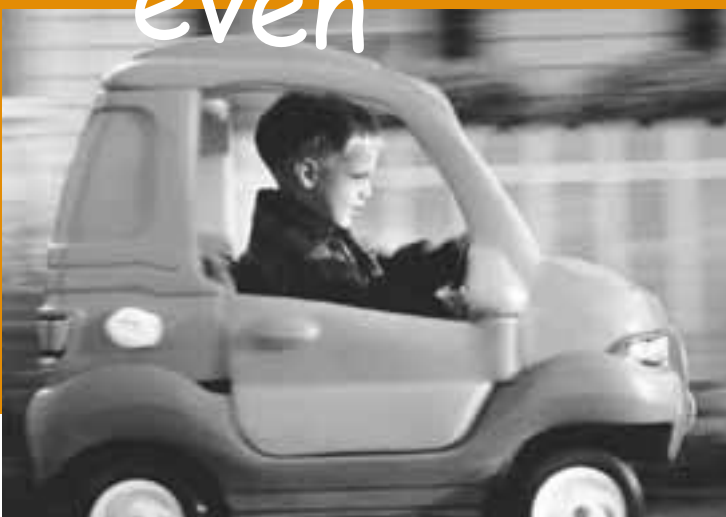


STAFF SGT. DAVID ENDERS

### 'Second to None-Team First'

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# St. Barbara's Day Ball

## ADA Brigade inducts 26 into famous orders

STORY BY STAFF SGT. DAVE ENDERS  
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SUSAN LAVEN

**T**he 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade leadership inducted 17 soldiers into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and and nine spouses into the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher during the brigade's Saint Barbara's Day Ball at the Centennial Club here July 9.

Induction into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara recognizes outstanding achievement by soldiers serving in an artillery unit, and induction into the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher recognizes the outstanding service of spouses to an artillery unit.

Venerated as early as the Seventh Century as the patron saint in time of danger from thunderstorms, fires and sudden death, Saint Barbara was later invoked for aid against accidents resulting from explosions. In the early days of artillery, when pieces often blew up instead of firing their projectile, artillerymen adopted Saint Barbara as their patroness.

A Revolutionary artilleryman's wife, Mary Hays McCauly earned her nickname, Molly Pitcher, by carrying pitchers of water across the battlefield of Monmouth to quench the soldiers' thirst and cool their guns. When her husband fell wounded, she assumed his gun position and remained at it through heavy enemy fire. General Washington issued her a warrant as a noncommissioned officer for her actions. Afterward she was widely hailed as Sergeant Molly.

Col. Robert H. Woods inducted the honorees into their respective orders.

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Capt. Ryan W. Patnode  
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Sgt. 1st Class Wallace Brooks  
Sgt. 1st Class Vernon Carothers  
Sgt. 1st Class Glenn A. Chapman  
Sgt. 1st Class Martin A. Gaston  
Sgt. 1st Class John E. Kretzer  
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The Saint Barbara's Day color guard prepares to retire the colors, concluding the ceremony.



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Sgt. Maj. Kendall R. O'Leary applies camouflage prior to participating in a skit.



CAPT. RYAN PATNODE

Keeper of the grogg, Capt. Marcus Jolley, right, observes as Spc. Juan Coro, left, pours more noxious ingredients into the brew.





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### ***Just married ...***

June 24 marked the happy conclusion to the long-awaited wedding between Specialists Gina D. Butler, security manager, Florida Army National Guard, and Jeramy A. Terry, analyst, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command. The two soldiers, who were wed in Chapel One, met during the activation of Butler's unit for Operation Iraqi Freedom as the 32nd AAMDC prepared to go to war. The couple was very discreet about their affections and so it was a surprise to many when they began to plan their wedding, said Terry. "Most people didn't even know we were engaged," he said. He popped the question shortly before deploying after nearly a year of dating. The engagement and wedding plans, and the unit support they received helped get the couple through the separation caused by deployment.

"Col. Verrett, really made it all possible," said Terry in reference to Col. Andrew Verrett, FLANG and 32d AAMDC's deputy chief of staff. Verrett and the visiting Chaplain, Lt. Col. James M. Fogle-Miller, FLANG, went out of their way to ensure the young couple could be wed on post. "It was overwhelming at the time," said Butler. "But, looking back, it was very nice." The couple will postpone their honeymoon until later this year and take advantage of the special packages offered to military for travel.

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# Community members meet IAD soldiers

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**B**AGHDAD, Iraq — Community representatives and soldiers met together for dinner and discussed important community issues in Baghdad July 8.

Members of a neighborhood advisory council from the Salhiya neighborhood in Baghdad met with soldiers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, out of Baumholder, Germany, to discuss a variety of issues, including security and repairs to municipal services such as electricity, said Capt. Scott C. Nauman, Co. A commander.

The meeting was the second between the neighborhood advisory council and the soldiers. In the first, Nauman said, the community representatives identified problems within the Salhiya neighborhood, the area for which Company A is responsible.

Lack of electricity, water, sewage and trash removal are the top problems, he said.

The intent of the meetings, however, is not only to identify the problems, but also to look for solutions. Nauman's goal is for the community leaders to be able to take responsibility for solving their own problems within the neighborhood.

It's not always an easy process. One of the suggestions made by a member of the council was to have the



SPC. RYAN SMITH, 372ND MPAD

**Iraqi community representatives meet with representatives of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, to discuss community issues in Baghdad July 8.**

Office of Coalition Provisional Authority purchase a separate generator for everyone in Baghdad, a city of five million people.

However, far more reasonable solutions have come out of the meetings. A suggestion that is currently being implemented is to employ former

Iraqi military members as security guards.

As a result of the meetings, security in the neighborhood has gotten considerably better, Nauman said. The illegal sale of gasoline and traffic problems in the neighborhood has both been reduced in Salhiya.

The company soldiers are continually working to improve the situation in the community. Though there are many problems, Nauman views each improvement as a success. "You eat an elephant one bite at a time," he said.

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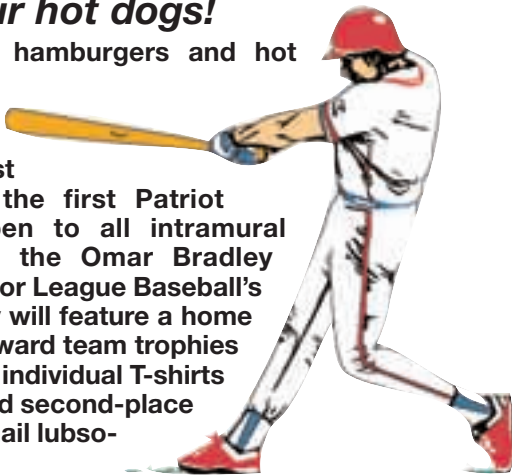




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# Urologist retires after more than 50 years of patient service

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*WBAMC Public Affairs*

According to a Gallup Poll survey several years ago, among the most respected professions in the United States were the U.S. Army and the medical field. Col. (U.S. Army Retired) Leonard Maldonado, MD, a Beaumont physician, devoted his life to both the Army and medicine.

He was born in Philadelphia. When he was about seven or eight years old, his family moved to Adjuntas, Puerto Rico, where he attended grade school. He later attended and graduated high school in Ponce. “I lived with a family while attending high school and returned every two weeks to Adjuntas to visit with my family,” Maldonado said.

After completing high school in Puerto Rico in 1939, Maldonado entered Columbia College in New York as a premed student and graduated in 1943.

“I always wanted to be a physician. Most members of my family were teachers. I was the first physician in the family. Now I have a brother who is a physician and he has children that are physicians,” he said.

During his undergraduate years at Columbia, Maldonado was a second lieutenant in the Army Reserves in the medical services corps. When he entered medical school at Long Island College of Medicine, now State University of New York, downstate, he resigned his commission and became a private, later promoted to private first class, in the Regular Army. Upon graduation from medical school in 1946, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He continued his medical studies as an intern and entered the Army as a first lieutenant in 1948. He retired as a colonel in 1992.

According to Maj. Todd A. Miller, MD, Beaumont chief of Urology Service, Maldonado’s



CLARENCE DAVIS III  
**Retired Col. Leonard Maldonado has been caring for patients as a urologist since 1946.**

love for clinical medicine and patient care was a determinant that led him away from engaging in an administrative career in the military medical corps. “He always chose patients over a command position,” Miller said.

“In my opinion, Dr. Maldonado’s knowledge and experience far exceeds others in the field of urology,” Miller added. “He has seen most [diseases] in the field and is able to provide practical ‘hands-on’ guidance to a new generation of urologists. Dr. Maldonado has helped new urologists become board certified through personal guidance, mentoring and

by maintaining an active journal club for continued medical education in urology.”

Throughout his career, Maldonado served in Puerto Rico, Germany, Vietnam, California, and Texas. He has been a member of the Beaumont Urology Clinic staff since 1972. From 1972 to 1982 he was the clinic chief, and from 1983 to 1992 he was the assistant clinic chief. After his retirement in 1992, he became part of the Beaumont staff as a urologist.

After so many years of service, and despite the pleasure it still gave him, Maldonado said at some point one has to realize that it is time to quit the practice.

“I am leaving the practice at the end of the month,” he said. “Things have changed. I’ve done what I wanted to do – treat patients. I had no intentions of becoming a millionaire, and enjoyed being an Army physician. My wife and I raised three wonderful children (two boys and a girl). Also, we have four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Our family is scattered throughout the United States. Just my wife and I live in El Paso.” His advice to young physicians is to maintain their proficiency and continue to improve. The patient must know that they care. “If patients feel as if doctors don’t care, they will go elsewhere for their medical care,” Maldonado said. “When patients leave, they don’t come back.”

Peers and patients alike recognize Maldonado as a legend in the field of military urology. They know his service to the Department of Defense has been unwavering. He is dedicated to patient care and to continuing medical education.

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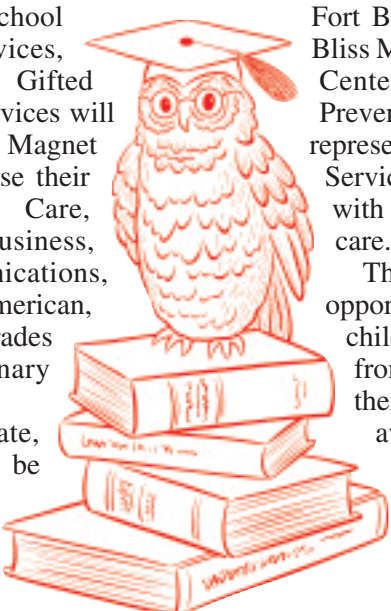
Due to military families’ frequent moves, children can change schools as many as five or six times during their school years. Parents are continually being confronted with different school rules and requirements, resulting in their having to take the time to find schools that they and their children are comfortable with.

Fortunately, Fort Bliss offers a way to connect parents and area educators at one-on-one meetings at one of the largest gatherings of school representatives -- the Fort Bliss Education Information Fair. The fair will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, in the Chapin High School Gymnasium.

El Paso, Ysleta and Socorro school district principals, counselors and PTA presidents who have students from post attending their campuses will be in attendance to pass out information and answer ques-

tions. Facilitators from various school departments such as Pupil Services, Transportation, Special Education, Gifted and Talented, Nursing, and Food Services will also be on hand to answer questions. Magnet Schools representatives will showcase their programs to include: Health Care, Engineering, Technology, Business, International Language, Communications, Cyber and Socratic Institute, Inter-American, Pre-Engineering, Criminal Justice, Trades and Industry, Broadcasting, Culinary Arts, and Performing Arts.

More than 50 public, private, parochial, and charter schools will be represented, as well as the Southwest Homeschool Program, Region 19 Headstart, Fort Bliss Child Youth Services Programs,



Fort Bliss Education Center, YWCA, Fort Bliss Museum, MWR, Community Services Center, Advocacy Incorporated, and Prevent Blindness Texas. Additionally, a representative from Childcare Management Services will be available to assist families with financial concerns regarding day-care.

The event will provide an excellent opportunity for families with school age children to meet and gather information from various schools and to familiarize themselves with all the school programs available in the El Paso area. For information, call Mary Avila, Fort Bliss School liaison officer, at 568-9306.

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"The military has been good to me," Williams said. In addition to

everything else the service has given him, it also introduced him to his wife Ajoua, also an NCO in the Army and currently assigned to 11th ADA Brigade here.

Eight years into his career, a wife and two kids (Demarche, 6 and Kinnedi, 2) later, Williams' career has taken him to Fort Gordon, Ga., Fort Polk, La., Korea, Hawaii and now Fort Bliss.

Originally, he wanted to be a Military Police officer. When he went to the Military Entrance Processing Station to swear into his enlistment, he had a change of heart and switched to a 92Y, logistics.

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*Special to The Monitor*

**S**eptember 11, 2001, and the war on terrorism have changed many lives throughout the United States as our country has called upon its people to make sacrifices to ensure our future safety and freedom. Many El Paso residents have been called from their civilian jobs to serve their country in varying capacities around the world. Three of these individuals worked for the CAS, Inc. El Paso Office and supported day-to-day operations of military units at Fort Bliss, Texas prior to their mobilization in their respective Army Reserve or National Guard units.

CAS, Inc. founded in 1979 by Fredric H. Clark and William H. Stender and based in Huntsville, Alabama provides systems engineering and technical assistance support to DOD and allied nations on current and emerging systems. Major business areas include air and missile defense, aviation, tactical missiles, and command and control. The CAS, Inc. El Paso Office provides support to the 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC), four Air Defense Artillery (ADA) brigades, and the United States Army Air Defense Artillery School (USAADASCH).

It should be no surprise that three CAS El Paso employees have answered the call to serve their country as their regular full time jobs support soldiers and their part-time jobs are actually serving as soldiers in the Army Reserve or National Guard. Currently, from the CAS, Inc. El Paso Office, Martin Guillen, Aaron Armstrong, and Mike Vrahnos are all serving on active duty in the Army. They all received their call-up and mobilization earlier this year in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Each is serving in a unique position and contributing greatly to successful operations.

Martin Guillen worked for CAS for four and a half years in the S3 (Operations) section of the 11th ADA

brigade and of late in the G6 (Communications) section of the 32d AAMDC. He was also a member of the 5035th Garrison Support Unit, Army Reserve, and was mobilized on Jan. 13, 2003. Currently, he is working as the S3 Operations Officer of the unit in support of mobilization and now demobilization operations on Fort Bliss, Texas.

Guillen's unit has mobilized and deployed over 7000 soldiers in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom over the past six months. His unit has been responsible for overseeing and managing the soldier readiness process, TA-50 equipment issue, dental checks, primary marksmanship instruction, weapons qualification, theater specific force protection training, nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) training, and unit collective training for all these soldiers and their units. Guillen's work ensured that all of these soldiers were as prepared as possible prior to their deployment to combat operations.

Guillen continues to serve at Fort Bliss and his unit is demobilizing the redeploying units. He is not projected to be demobilized himself and back to work at CAS until February 2004. Guillen recently stated about his experience, "I am happy I have had the opportunity to answer the call to duty for my country. It has widened my knowledge of the Army National Guard and Reserve mobilization process."

Aaron Armstrong worked for CAS for three years as an analyst in the Directorate of Combat Developments at Fort Bliss and then as a Patriot subject matter expert and exercise planner in the G3 (Operations) section of the 32d AAMDC. He also served as a citizen soldier in the 2-200 ADA battalion (Patriot), New Mexico Army National Guard, as a Tactical Director.

Armstrong was mobilized on February 24, 2003 and deployed soon after to serve as an Air Defense Artillery Fire Control Officer (ADAF-  
CO). As an ADAFCO he was responsible for the procedural control of a

five-battery Patriot battalion and for deconflicting and resolving air and missile defense issues between different headquarters. He served at a classified location in the war zone working with a Marine command and control unit.

When air and missile defense oper-

ations ended in April 2003 over Iraq, Armstrong was moved to the 32d AAMDC headquarters at Camp Doha, Kuwait to work special projects. During his stay at Camp Doha he was instrumental in the total revision of the Patriot Tactical Standard Operating Procedures (TSOP) and

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also assisted in the collection and compilation of over 500 after action reports from the 32d AAMDC and three ADA brigades. The 32d AAMDC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Bromberg, and the Chief of Staff, Col. Anderson, both stated that Aaron was an invaluable member of the unit and a superb officer.

Armstrong recently returned on June 12, 2003 to Fort Bliss, Texas and is currently going through the demobilization process and should be back to work with CAS El Paso by the end of July. He will then take vacation in order to marry his fiancée, Jenelle Holtz.

Prior to his call-up, while working for CAS in support of 32d AAMDC, Armstrong developed an ADAFCO training course and handbook that was used to train deploying reserve sol-

diers. As it turned out, Armstrong ended up teaching his CAS-developed product to twenty-two fellow Army Guardsmen and Reservists while he was in uniform preparing for deployment. The ADAFCO course was well received and the leadership lauded Aaron's efforts.

Mike Vrahnos worked for CAS for four years as an operations and intelligence analyst in the S3 (Operations) section of the 11th ADA brigade. Vrahnos is also part of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and was mobilized March 3, 2003. He is currently assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps with Task Force 180 in Afghanistan. However, thankfully, his duty location is at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida where he serves as a liaison officer for Task Force 180 within the Central Command (CENTCOM)

headquarters.

Vrahnos' duties involve updating the CENTCOM staff daily on current operations in Afghanistan and serving as a conduit for higher headquarters requests for information to Task Force 180. He also assists Task Force 180 with actions at CENTCOM to obtain equipment, personnel, and information necessary to conduct successful combat operations. Vrahnos refers to himself as "just another cog in the wheel," but his efforts are proving to be valuable in aiding soldiers in harm's way.

Currently, Vrahnos may return to CAS as early as October 2003, but he also could be retained on active duty and not return until March 2004. We are keeping our fingers crossed for his early return. Vrahnos' customer (11th ADA brigade) thinks so highly of him

that they have already laid aside funding to cover him for fiscal year 2004 upon his demobilization and return to work for CAS.

Guillen, Armstrong, and Vrahnos have made a difference on the job with CAS in support of their United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) unit customers and have truly made a difference as citizen soldiers on active duty in the war on terrorism. Whether supporting military planning and operations as a CAS employee or directly serving in uniform doing the same, all of them have excelled and made a difference in the future security of our country. Their peers in the CAS, Inc. El Paso Office are extremely proud of them and we salute them for their sacrifices on our behalf.

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# Soldier killed, Marine dies, C-130 receives SAM fire in Iraq

**JIM GARAMONE**  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — An American soldier was killed in an attack on a convoy west of Baghdad Wednesday. Three other soldiers were wounded in the attack.

The soldiers, members of the 3rd Corps Support Command, were fired on with a rocket-propelled grenade at about 9:55 a.m. local time. They were traveling near Abu Ghuraib prison in the western part of Baghdad.

A 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Marine died in Al Hillah July 15 from injuries received after he fell from the top of a building where he was standing guard duty.

The names of the soldiers and Marine are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

In a new form of attack, a C-130 landing at Baghdad International Airport received surface-to-air missile fire this morning, officials in Baghdad said. The aircraft was not hit and it was able to land safely. Coalition officials said troops are searching the area where the missile is believed to have been fired from. Officials said this is the first SAM attack since April.

Operation Soda Mountain, led by the 4th Infantry Division to seek out Baath Party leaders and sympathizers, continues all over Iraq. The main portion of the operation is in the Sunni Triangle marked by Baghdad, Tikrit and Ar Ramadi. Soda Mountain continues previous activities to root out

pockets of resistance and establish a secure environment in the country, coalition officials said.

The division's other supporting operation, Ivy Serpent, continues its work to create a secure environment in Iraq. Since the operation began July 12, soldiers of the 4th have conducted 71 raids and detained 448 individuals, including 38 individuals identified as key former regime leaders, officials said.

Soldiers of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment seized a weapons cache in a town north of Habinyah that included attackers' weapons of choice, officials said. The cavalrymen

seized about 400 rocket-propelled grenade rounds and a number of other ordnance pieces.

The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force discovered and destroyed eight SA-7 missiles located in the Muhawil ammunition supply point in the southern portion of the country.

Five 4th Infantry Division soldiers were wounded in a mortar attack on their position July 15, officials said. All were taken to the 21st Combat Support Hospital for treatment and four were returned to duty.

Another 4th Infantry Division soldier was wounded July 15 near Tikrit when a rocket-propelled grenade

stuck the vehicle he was riding in. He was evacuated to the 28th Combat Support Hospital for treatment.

Four 1st Armored Division soldiers were wounded in a skirmish in Baghdad July 15. A patrol surprised Iraqis placing explosives and came under small-arms fire. One Iraqi was killed in the incident.

Coalition forces continue aggressive patrols throughout the country, officials said. The total raids and patrols resulted in 360 arrests for various criminal activities including four for murder, five for car jacking, 11 for aggravated assault, 11 for burglary, and 13 for looting.



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# Freedom Fiesta Week to honor local military

## SPECIAL TO THE MONITOR

Five organizations recently announced plans for the official "welcome home" celebration for the region's Armed Forces personnel, titled "Freedom Fiesta Week."

Events designed to honor our Armed Forces and their families will take place every day during the week of Aug. 3-10. The five entities organizing the events are the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the El Paso Black Chamber of Commerce, the City of El Paso and the Association of the U.S. Army.

"How can we possibly repay the thousands of troops and families that have invested their blood, sweat and tears to preserve our freedom at home and abroad?" said Gus Rodriguez, of Basil Glass, and the original organizer of the week long celebration. "The answer is, we can't. But, we can throw them one heck of a party, and this is it. We want to honor every soldier, sailor, Marine, airman, MP, National Guardsman, Reservist, and their families for the incredible sacrifice that they have paid on behalf of the liberty we all enjoy today."

The week begins with a free picnic for all military service personnel and their families at Biggs Park Aug. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. Barbecued beef donated by ranchers in New Mexico and prepared by the Job Corps will comprise the main course. Local

bands on two stages will provide musical entertainment during the entire picnic. All military families are strongly encouraged to attend this inaugural event since information and tickets for the remaining events will be distributed during the picnic.

Monday is dedicated to the unsung heroes of Operation Iraqi Freedom – the spouses of the military personnel. Special transportation and discounts have been arranged for Foley's and other stores at Cielo Vista Mall, plus day spas and retailers at premier shopping destinations around the city.

Tuesday is devoted to Wet 'n' Wild from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone presenting an active duty military ID will be admitted to Wet 'n' Wild at a special rate, and organizers will be on hand to distribute information about the week's remaining events.

Wednesday will feature a night out at Western Playland from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Again, anyone presenting an active military ID will be treated to a very special rate.

Thursday is Military Night with the El Paso Diablos hosting the troops and families at Cohen Stadium. All admission for troops and their families is free. Tickets must be picked up in advance at the Public Affairs Office of Fort Bliss. Call 568-4605 for more information.

Friday is designed to let military couples experience the magic of downtown El Paso. Dozens of clubs

and restaurants have agreed to special pricing and gifts for all military personnel. The El Paso Museum of Art will stay open late and provide free admission to the military. That evening, the El Paso Times will host its Women of the Year awards dinner at the Judson F. Williams Convention Center featuring prominent El Paso women, including the soldier of the year.

The big event for the public is Saturday at 10 a.m. – a full military parade. Every available soldier and equipment from Fort Bliss will march from the post down Montana in full view of the public. Several automotive dealers have committed to sponsoring a brigade from the post, so military families will have dedicated space to relax and enjoy the parade. Casa Ford will be the site of the primary reviewing stand. Congressman Silvestre Reyes, Congressman Steve Pierce and Senator Eliot Shapleigh are among the VIPs already committed to attend.

Sunday, the El Paso Zoo has agreed to provide everyone with half-price entry for the entire day, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is encouraged to take advantage of this great offer to support our troops and enjoy one of El Paso's treasures.

"We believe that this one of kind, week long celebration will be a key opportunity to celebrate and welcome back our military men and women

who have so gallantly served their country in order for the rest of us to enjoy the freedom we so richly share," said Mark Avery, of SY Coleman and AUSA. "Our goal is to have all of El Paso come out and support these efforts."

In order for these week-long activities to become a reality, the organizing council has developed an in depth ROI schedule for partners to support these events. The council invites companies and organizations to consider being one of the partners for Freedom Fiesta Week.

There are five key level packages to support the efforts developed for Freedom Fiesta Week on behalf of the men and women of Fort Bliss. The levels are:

Freedom Partners - \$25,000 donation.

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Liberty Partners - \$5,000 donation.

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ORLANDO, Fla. – The refurbished Armed Forces Recreation Center Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort won't open till March 1, 2004, instead of the originally planned Dec. 15, 2003, date.

Unexpected construction delays caused officials to move the date back 76 days, according to Peter F. Isaacs, chief operating officer at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. The Army serves as the executive agent, operating AFRCs for DoD.

"When we were on schedule, we began accepting guest reservations in December of last year," said Isaacs. "We sincerely regret the inconvenience this causes our customers and want to give them as much advance notice as possible. We are in the process of notifying those who have reservations and offering them other options."

Shades of Green General Manager Jim McCrindle personally signed more than 2,200 letters to guests already booked at Shades of Green, informing them of the delay. "We're genuinely sorry for the delay, but it was unavoidable," he said.

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"The information about our new opening date and reservations is on our web site," said McCrindle, adding, "The best way to make a reservation is to use the Web site as the phones tend to be overloaded."

For more information, access [www.shadesof-green.org](http://www.shadesof-green.org) or call toll free 1-888-593- 2242.

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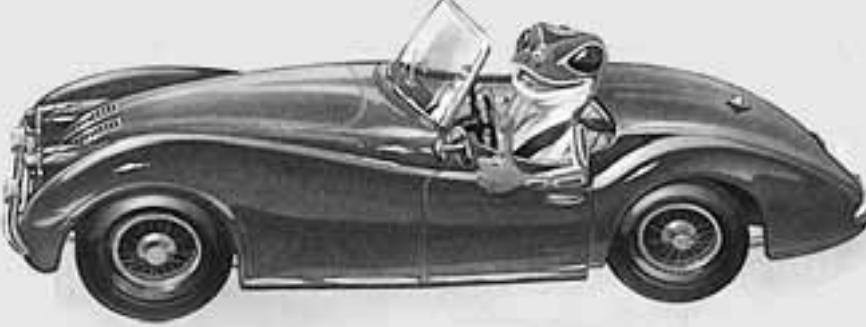
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# Retired soldier keeps POWs rockin'

STEVE BRADY  
*Special to The Monitor*

When the American prisoners of war were released from Iraq, a collective sigh of relief spread across the country.

While the returning soldiers were given a hero's welcome, one Martinez, Ga., resident wanted to do more to thank them.

"My wife and I are both very patriotic," said Chuck Curley, who served 22 years in the Army. "I wanted to do something for them."

He settled on hand crafting wooden rocking horses for each of the soldiers. Making the horses made sense for Curley, who has been making the horses as a hobby on and off since 1977.

"I never had formal training in woodworking, it's just a hobby I picked up in Germany," he said.

He spent up to eight hours making each horse and personalized each one with the soldier's name. He also enclosed a "thank you" letter to each of the former POWs.

Curley began the project shortly after the soldiers were released in April, and finished them by late May.

Since then he has been working with the Richmond County Chamber

of Commerce to arrange for shipping the gifts, and with Army public affairs offices for delivery to the families.

While some of the families do not have children, Curley said the horses were simply a way to say thank you.

"They sacrificed a lot for our country," he said. "This is just my way of saying thank you for what they have done."

*Editors Note: Brady is editor of the Fort Gordon post newspaper, The Signal.*



Chuck Curley with his herd of wooden rocking horses. Curley spent nearly 65 hours hand crafting eight rocking horses, one for each of the soldiers held prisoner of war in Iraq.



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# Iraq governing council holds its first meeting

CASIE VINALL

Special to The American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Iraq has taken a first step toward self-government after decades of tyrannical rule by Saddam Hussein's regime.

A new governing council was established in Baghdad this week to represent the will of the Iraqi people. The council was set up in accordance with U.N. Security Council Resolution 1483.

"Regardless of the differences that existed between nations before the war, now we have a challenge," U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan said during a July 14 White House meeting with President Bush. "The challenge is to stabilize Iraq, to help Iraq become a peaceful, stable and prosperous state, and I think everyone needs to help."

"An Iraq that is at peace with itself and its neighbors is in the interests of the neighbors and the entire international community," Annan said. "And so I would want to see the entire community, international community, come together to assist the Iraqi people and to help stabilize the region."

The United States intends to "stay the course" and work to ensure success in Iraq, President Bush told reporters.

"The United States (will) stay the course because we believe freedom is on its way to the Iraqi people," he said, "and by that I mean that the Iraqi people are beginning to assume more and more responsibility in their society."

"A free society requires a certain kind of responsible behavior, and we're seeing more and more of that amongst the Iraqi citizens," he added. "Our deep desire is to make sure that the infrastructure is repaired, that people are educated (and) that the

health-care delivery systems are good."

The governing council attributes its inception to "intensive efforts by Iraqi organizations and personalities from all political streams and backgrounds," according to a statement released following its first meeting in Baghdad July 13.

"The goal was to form a body, in consultation with the Coalition Provisional Authority and the representative of the U.N. secretary general, which was representative of the makeup of the Iraqi people," the statement noted.

Council members were appointed from various backgrounds and nominated after provisional authorities conferred with Iraqis, the council said. The council consists of 25 members, among which are Shiite, Sunni and secular representatives.

The council will serve as an "expression of the national Iraqi will in the wake of the collapse of the former oppressive regime," according to the statement.

"This collapse was due to the struggle and brave sacrifices of our people and the intervention of the international coalition forces," the council stated. "The building of the new Iraq shall remain among the first priorities of the good Iraqi people. It will require the participation of all Iraqis, from all political and social strands, who are willing to help accomplish this historic task."

The body aims to work toward constructing an "atmosphere for holding general elections that will

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George W. Bush  
U.S. President

lead to the establishment of an effective government enjoying full authority and responsibility and thus restoring Iraq's sovereignty and independence."

This is a "first step" toward progress Adnoun Al-Bachechi, one of the newly appointed members, told Voice of America July 13. The council will be responsible for addressing issues such as unemployment and financial decisions, he said.

It will also create and carry out essential laws, such as "the broad outlines of a constitution, election laws, population census (and) law for the formation of political parties" he added.

The council's task should not be underestimated, council members stated. "Rebuilding Iraq will require the greatest degree of cooperation and cohesion among members of the country."

"We must give precedence to national interests over any other considerations in the interest of reconstructing a new Iraq where our people will enjoy their full rights under a unified and secure federal and democratic regime living in peace with its people and neighbors," the council said.

The group is intended to be an interim step in the development of Iraq's new government, Bachechi said. In about a year's time, he noted, a greater assembly will draft a new constitution and there will be national elections.

*(Casie Vinall is an intern working for DefendAmerica.mil in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.)*

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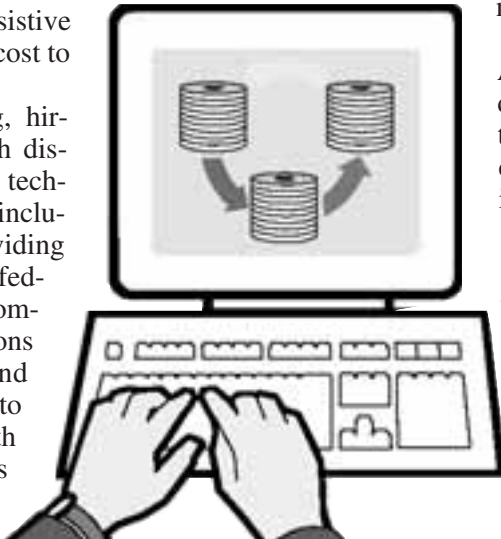
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# VFW, American Legion volunteers to help Air Guardsman's family

GERRY J. GILMORE  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON – Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion volunteers stepped up recently to help out the family of an Illinois Air National Guardsman deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The pilot, who doesn't want his family's name used, said the spirit of working together as these volunteers did is an essential part of America.

The guardsman is a pilot now flying missions over Iraq.

The volunteer veterans constructed – for free – a deck around his home's above ground swimming pool so that his 7-year-old daughter, who suffers from cerebral palsy, could get regular exercise this summer.

"We had put up an above ground pool to help our daughter with physical therapy last year," the guardsman explained through e-mail.

He later received orders and deployed overseas. During his absence, his wife spoke with a friend about the upcoming summer vacation season. "My wife informed her that she would probably not be able to use the pool this summer," the guardsman said, "because I am deployed and it takes two people to get our daughter into the pool," one on the inside and one on the outside.

The friend went home that evening and told her husband about the situation, the guardsman wrote. The husband

told the local VFW about the situation.

The local VFW post, its Women's Auxiliary, and the American Legion decided to take on a project to construct a deck around the pool, connecting it to an existing deck off the house "so that my wife can take our daughter's wheelchair directly to the pool," the guardsman said.

The volunteers would not accept a donation from my wife, he said, emphasizing that their help represents something that cannot be bought at any price.

The deck project "illustrates taking care of your own," he noted, adding that the deck project was one that I planned on completing this spring, but was unable to.

He said that he and his wife could have paid someone to construct the deck, but my wife said it was something that the folks at home wanted to do ... and they would not accept a donation for it.

He saluted the VFW and American Legion members' willingness to give up their personal time to help others in need. But volunteering is what these people do. I grew up around veterans in a small town, the guardsman wrote.

I can remember these guys being on the volunteer fire department and running out of their auto parts store or restaurant when the (fire) siren went off. I (also) remember them at church and as our Boy Scout leaders.

The guardsman's wife, awaiting the

return of her husband, is also taking care of the couple's two other children. The volunteers who built the pool deck are a wonderful group of caring men, she said.

"We are enjoying our pool, thanks to them," she acknowledged.

Continuing to fly missions in the Middle East, the guardsman emphasized that Operation Iraqi Freedom is a good thing to be involved in.

"After flying into airfields all over Iraq, I have seen the situation that most of the Iraqi people are in," he explained. "You fly by a presidential palace that is probably 10 acres in size, and a couple of miles away there

are women getting water out of an irrigation ditch."

He said that a former squadron mate paid the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan this year, noting, this mission is very personal for me.

The VFW realizes the hardships faced by these families due to the long periods of separation, said Bud Haney, a spokesman at the organization's Kansas City, Mo., headquarters.

The VFW and American Legion volunteers who built the deck for the family are doing what Americans have been doing for years – being a good neighbor, Haney concluded.

## U.S., North Korea conclude talks

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Special to the Monitor*

The Department of Defense announced Monday that U.S. and North Korea representatives concluded talks in Bangkok about arrangements to conduct joint operations aimed at recovering the remains of American servicemen still missing from the Korean War.

The operations are scheduled to take place later this year in Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang; and near the Chosin Reservoir in the northeast part of North Korea.

The meetings, led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs Jerry Jennings, were held in Bangkok, Thailand, July 10-11, 2003. Jennings focused

on enhancing the safety of the U.S. recovery teams and improving the U.S. remains recovery process.

As a matter of policy, remains recovery talks deal exclusively with the issue of recovering the remains of missing Americans. POW/MIA accounting is a separate, stand-alone humanitarian matter, not tied to any other issue.

The two countries will meet again in November to plan for operations in 2004 to continue this humanitarian mission.

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# Communication, patience, keys to family harmony

**CHAP. (MAJ.) JOE ED PEDERSON**  
*Fort Bliss Family Life Chaplain*

One of the tasks I have as the Fort Bliss Family Life Chaplain is to sit on the Case Review Committee. The CRC reviews purported cases of child and spouse abuse. I have sat on CRC boards in Germany, Fort Hood, and Fort Bliss. The good news is that most of the purported cases do not involve brutal, vicious beatings. Most cases involve one spouse trying to make the other spouse stay and finish the argument. I believe the vast majority of cases like these are quite preventable.

The key to preventing such spouse abuse is recognizing one of the most prevalent reasons why one spouse resorts to physical means to prevent the other from leaving. Quite often the spouse who tries to prevent the other from leaving does so out of fear. The fear is that if we don't finish this disagreement now, it will just get swept under the rug, and it will never get resolved.

When fear is the activating factor, the key to preventing spouse abuse is wrapped up in one little word: respect. The rules I recommend (I didn't invent them) are based on respect. The first rule is, whomever calls for a time out gets it. To put it another way, neither one can be denied a time out when he/she asks for one. The second rule is, whomever calls for a time out

is responsible for saying when they will come back to the issue. This rule shows respect and removes the fear that the problem will get swept under the rug. Of course, if it is already late in the evening, tomorrow will likely be better than staying up until midnight. The assurance that the problem won't be ignored and will be addressed is a sign of respect. This assurance works to reduce the level of fear to the point that using physical

means to restrain the other spouse from leaving will no longer seem necessary. The third rule is to use the time out to calm down. Do not use the time out to become even more angry or upset. In addition, some couples will need to discuss acceptable places to go to calm down.

In addition to the rules, I recommend the monthly Couples' Communication Skills Class at the Family Life Center. There, couples

learn to speak to one another in ways that elicit cooperation rather than ways that antagonize. They learn to discuss differences as friends rather than as adversaries. The class also covers problem solving. The class is the first Tuesday of each month at Bldg. 112 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Snacks, drinks, and lunch are provided.

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# Summer reading program registration ends Saturday

**RICHARD EARL MUNYON**  
*Chief Librarian*

Hurry into Mickelsen Library to sign up for the summer reading program. The annual, self-paced program began June 3, and reading continues through Aug. 2. However, registration ends this Saturday.

All children of the Fort Bliss community between the ages of 2 and 12 are invited to join the safari of adventure. All books must be recorded by close of business Aug. 2, so readers only have about two more weeks to get their reading finished and the books recorded on a reading log. Then, get ready to party. The program will end with a celebration scheduled for Aug. 9.

Readers are reminded, to qualify for a certificate they must read a minimum of 10

books, but everyone who participates will be recognized. The top readers in four age groups will receive special recognition at the celebration. It's not too late to get started on a summer of reading fun. Come by the library to get some books and get started on a "Safa-Read" of adventure.

**Story Time**

"Read me a StoryTime" is at 10 a.m. every Tuesday for 2-5 year olds. This story time is for parents with their own children and caregivers with no more than three charges. Parents or guardians are required to be with and have their children under supervision at all times.

**Overdue books**

Last week the library had 121 overdue items checked out by 49 users. The library staff asks all patrons to either return

books on time or bring them in and renew them.

**Quality of Service**

It is the policy of management to give patrons the best service possible. To help identify areas in which the facility can improve, guests at the library are asked to complete a Quest for Quality card during their next visit.

**Location**

The post library is located in the basement of Wing E, Bldg. 2 Sheridan Road near the Japanese Memorial Garden. Enter through the door on the south side of Wing E, go down the stairs, and turn to the left for the school side or turn to the right for the post side of the library.

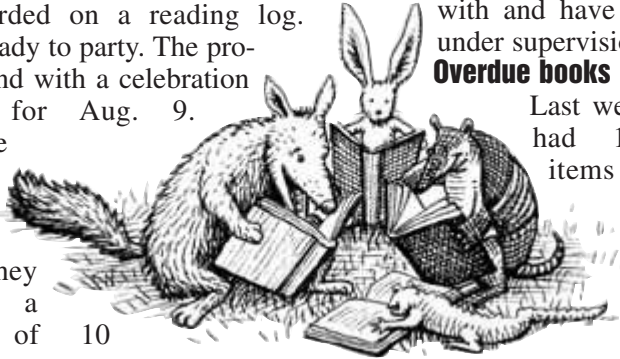
The post library is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. and closed Monday. The school library is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is a two-hour limit for parking in the "library patron only" park-

ing spaces. Library patrons are also reminded to leave the reserved parking spaces on Pershing Circle next to Bldg. 2E open for those who may need to park close to the building such as the elderly, patrons with lots of books to return, or parents with small children. There is plenty of parking by Sage Hall, Bldg. 311.

The handicapped ramp located on the east side of wing E is for handicapped patrons and parents with strollers only. Those needing to use this entrance should ring the bell only once; someone will open the door as soon as possible. All other patrons are requested to enter through the door located on the south side of Wing E.

For information on the Fort Bliss Library, call 568-1902 (school library) or 568-6156 (post library). E-mail questions or comments to MickelsenL@bliss.army.mil. Information is also available at the Web site: <http://147.71.210.21/library/>.



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# Extraordinarily bad League sinks to new depths

**SGT. MARK PORTER**

Monitor Editor

I entered the theater to see "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" with the best intentions. Considering how good Hollywood has become at adapting comic books/graphic novels, I fully expected to like this movie.

Then something happened: the movie started. What could have been an interesting story was revealed as a combination of clichéd writing, poor effects and pointless action.

The movie's failure is all the more disappointing because it started with such an inventive and intriguing premise. The film is based on a series of graphic novels written and drawn by Alan Moore and Kevin O'Neill, respectively. Moore chose characters originally created by Victorian-era authors Bram Stoker, H. Rider Haggard, Jules Verne, H.G. Wells and Robert Louis Stevenson. In the League graphic novel, the heroes — Allan Quartermain (Sean Connery in the film), Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (Jason Flemyng), Mina Harker (Peta Wilson) from Stoker's Dracula, the Invisible Man (Tony Curran) and Captain Nemo (Naseeruddin Shah) — team together to fight evil.

The movie begins with this basic story. But Hollywood, as it often does, decided bigger was better and adjusted the original line up — adding new members, including Oscar Wilde character Dorian Gray (Stuart Townsend) and — perhaps to make it more palatable for U.S. ticket buyers —



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— a grown-up, government agent version of Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer (Shane West).

Watching the movie, readers of the original works — to say nothing of the authors — might be surprised at how these characters have changed. It has been years since I read Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, but I'm sure I would have remembered if Capt. Nemo had been a martial artist and his submarine The Nautilus had been equipped with missiles, as is the case here.

In the movie, a mysterious villain known as the Phantom, plots to start a world war. The Phantom is producing weapons of great power and figures a war will create an arms race and up the price of his product. He attacks England and Germany — each time

making it look like the other was responsible — in hopes of pushing the two nations into conflict. To prevent war and to find the man responsible, England assembles the League.

The movie begins with some promise. Early scenes of Quartermain's recruitment are a solid mix of humor, action and creativity. Likewise, the first time the team is assembled and, subsequently attacked by the Phantom and Co., turns into a spirited scene and a good way to introduce the audience to their various abilities.

From there it loses its way, digressing into a series of pointless action sequences, pointless dialogue and predictable storytelling. It seems the movie's makers were in such a hurry to cash in on the comic book craze they didn't stop to work on little

things like story. The effects are also laughably bad: an inexcusable shortcoming in this age of computer wizardry. Flemyng's Hyde could have been something to see — a sort of Victorian-age Hulk. Instead the actor looks like exactly what he is: an embarrassed man in a ridiculous foam suit.

Connery is the only actor that rises above the muck. His Quartermain is past the adventuring stage of his life and tired of retelling his stories, and Connery plays it well. He is like an old lion — too old to hunt, but still mean and quick enough to swipe at you if you get too close. Connery even elevates the stock dialogue, delivering lines in a way that makes him sound sincere and sarcastic at the same time; and leaving the audience to decide which is true.

The movie's shortcomings are all the more obvious when compared to other, better comic adaptations. It lacks the spirit of Spider-Man, is dwarfed by the storytelling and special effects in Hulk, and has none of the "Wow!" factor of The Matrix Reloaded.

Because it is one of the summer's most looked-forward-to films, this clunker might be profitable, but I hope its makers aren't fooled into thinking they succeeded. They have gotten what could have been a promising franchise off to an embarrassing start.

*The film is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of fantasy violence, language and innuendo.*

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If you read the papers or watch the news on TV, you cannot help but be aware of actual and implied threats of terrorism appearing on a daily level. Since 9/11, our national conscience has turned to heightened states of awareness with multicolored hues of degrees of preparedness for impending attacks from enemies to our country and its allies, both domestically and abroad. So far we may have been spared additional carnage upon us, but what is going on behind the scenes that we are not aware of, how possible is another attack?

This novel by Ken Hudnall, *Manhattan Conspiracy: Blood on the Apple*, perfectly captures the realism such an attack could bring with it, coupled with an underlying fear of dread.

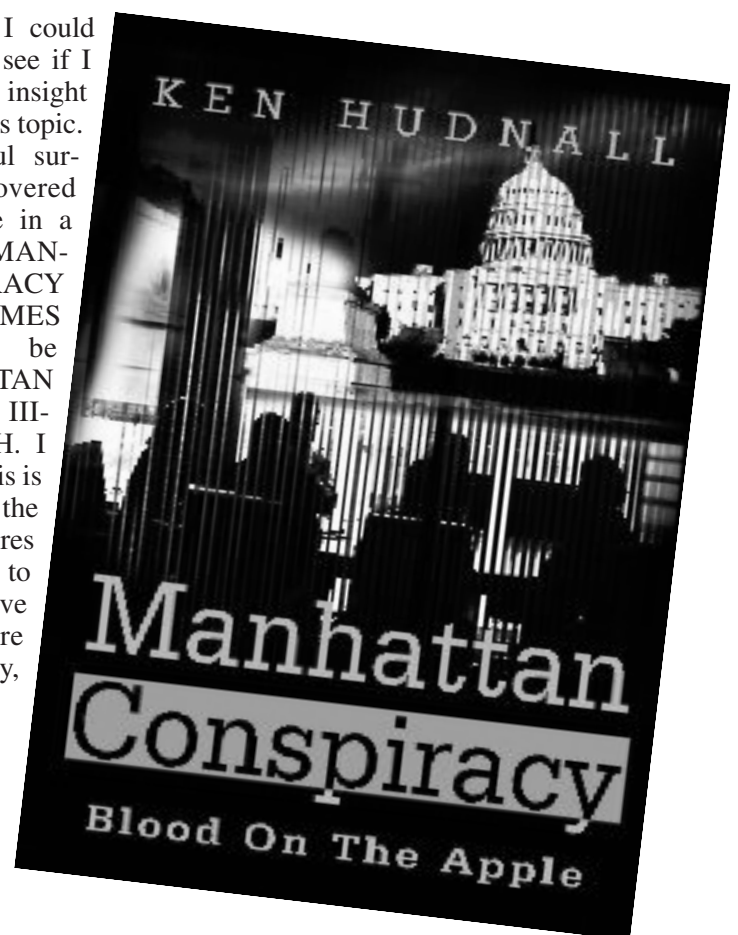
Originally written in 1992,

author Hudnall has woven a rich tapestry of original characters and situations, which only add to the realistic overtones that run throughout his work. His characters live and breathe as surely as you or I, and react in the same manner when confronted by circumstances beyond their control; in this case, it is a group known only as The Brotherhood, which are planning to release a terrorist attack upon our country.

The only problem is when their own weapon, a master assassin turns against them, and begins tracking The Brotherhood to wreak vengeance. This leads to a page turning adventure filled with all the action and suspense a reader could want as you are taken into their world of intrigue, corruption, and violence sure to leave you, as it did me, wanting more.

I visited Mr. Hudnall's Web site, [www.kenhudnall.com](http://www.kenhudnall.com), to

find out what else I could about the author, to see if I could gather further insight into why he chose this topic. Imagine my grateful surprise when I discovered that this is but one in a series of books: *MANHATTAN CONSPIRACY II-CAPITAL CRIMES* and the soon to be released *MANHATTAN CONSPIRACY III-ANGEL OF DEATH*. I am glad to see that this is not the end, but only the beginning of adventures that I cannot wait to take part. And believe me, I will be there every step of the way, as should you.



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# Korea – 50 years ago this week, July 17-24, 1953

JIM CALDWELL

TRADOC News Service  
July 17-20

The ROK counteroffensive begun yesterday continues to drive Chinese communists troops northward. By July 19 they hold the high ground south of the Kumsong River after chasing the Reds back across. The terrain on the north bank is not critical enough to risk more soldiers' lives. The ROK 6th Infantry Division digs in to hold the line for the rest of the war.

The enemy had gained six miles and deflated the Kumsong bulge in the Eighth Army line above the river, but they had lost about two divisions worth of men doing it. Eighth Army officials estimate that the Chinese suffered 28,000 casualties.  
June 19-20

A six-man patrol sets out from 40th Infantry Division line near the Punchbowl in X Corps. Sgt. Gilbert C. Collier is the point man on the moonless night, and occasional showers make visibility even worse.

About two miles into no-man's land, Collier takes a step into thin air, gives an involuntary yell and falls down a 60-foot cliff. Patrol leader, 2nd Lt. Richard S. Agnew, comes forward to investigate why Collier yelled, and he, too, goes tumbling down the cliff. He lands beside Collier.

In addition to scrapes and bruises, Collier suffers a wrenched back that makes it painful to stand. Agnew has a twisted ankle that's too painful to stand on. They still had their weapons and canteens, and Agnew held onto his radio.



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The nine bound copies of the armistice agreement.

Agnew radios the patrol to get back to their lines before daylight, after failing to convince Collier to go with them. The patrol radioman says they'll return that night to retrieve them.  
The two men realize they can't just lie at the bottom of the hill until their buddies return, so they start the

painful climb up the cliff. Agnew falls once, losing his rifle and radio. Collier, despite the painful back injury goes back down and helps Agnew back up the steep slope.  
As they suffer through the day, each man's injury worsens. Agnew's ankle balloons to twice its size.

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Collier's back is excruciatingly painful.

After dark falls, they decide to head back to their line. About 300 yards from their goal, they're found by a six-man Chinese patrol. Collier screams a warning to the lieutenant.

He fires at the enemy, hitting two. The remainder lobbs grenades at the Americans, wounding both. Collier begins crawling away from Agnew, to draw the enemy to him. He shoots until he runs out of ammo. Then the Chinese fall on him, stabbing and beating him with feet and rifle butts, and Agnew can only watch.

Even while he's being beaten over the head with a rifle, Collier manages to draw his bayonet and bury it into one man's stomach. The other three continue to pound him, but he lashes out and stabs another in the throat.

That's enough for the last two enemy soldiers, and they run away, leaving Collier pulverized and bleeding.

The rescue team has heard the beginning of the fight and arrives right after the enemy leaves. They get Collier and Agnew back to the aid station. On the way, Agnew tells them repeatedly about Collier's actions.

Collier has lost too much blood and has sustained fatal injuries from the beating.

Maj. Charles A. Brown, battalion

commander, tries to ask Collier about what happened to him, but receives little in reply. "Although he was dying, Sgt. Collier kept asking me if Lt. Agnew had been rescued and if he was all right."

Collier dies later that night.

His wife will receive his posthumous Medal of Honor in the Pentagon Jan. 12, 1955.

Collier is the last soldier to earn the Medal of Honor during the Korean War.

#### July 19-23

Truce talks reconvene at Panmunjom July 19. With the Chinese latest offensive stopped, the Reds seem ready to arrange a cease-fire.

Lt. Gen. Nam Il, North Korean, head of the communist team, has several items yet to settle. South Korea has denied Indian troops permission to enter the country to carry out their duties of caring for the non-communist prisoners who don't want to go back to North Korea or China. Nam wants to settle that question before the truce is signed.

He also, as was expected, wants to renegotiate the demarcation line.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., U.N. chief delegate, tries to hurry the process along. He tells Nam that the Swedish and Swiss members of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, whose personnel will

watch the non-communist prisoners, are ready to begin their duties. Nam will not say when the Polish and Czech teams can be ready.

The cease-fire is set to begin within 12 hours after the parties sign the truce agreement.

That afternoon the communists suggest that the chief delegates retire and let staff officers work out the details of the four remaining areas to settle. There is a team from each side determining the demarcation line and the demilitarized zone; where the prisoners from both sides, as well as the anti-communist prisoners will be taken; time when the commissions created by truce will begin operating; and arrangements for signing the cease-fire documents.

Staff officers start working immediately. One will not wrap up its business until the day the truce signing is scheduled.

July 22 ROK President Syngman Rhee releases a statement that he keeps the right to "follow our own course of action" if the political conference that follows a truce does not produce results within 90 days.

The statement also says that he considers written promises made to the U.S. government to be "conditional" on certain promises made by the U.S. government, which have not yet been delivered.

Also on July 22, Secretary of State

John Foster Dulles tells reporters that Rhee has twice promised in writing to abide by a truce arranged by the United States, even if he doesn't agree with them.

Peking Radio charges July 23 that Rhee is trying to "wreck" peace efforts, but that he could only do so with American "connivance" and "encouragement."

#### July 20

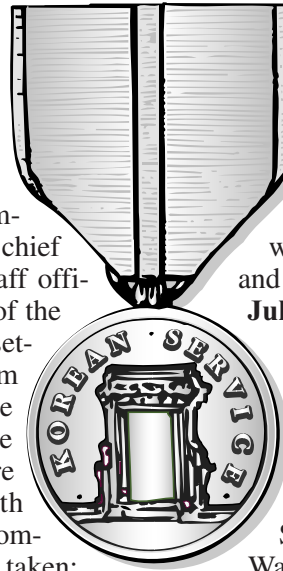
A federal judge in Kansas City quashes a subpoena served on former President Harry S. Truman. The subpoena ordered him to explain why the United States entered the Korean War. Fyke Farmer, a Nashville lawyer, who was part of the defense for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, convicted and executed nuclear spies for the Soviet Union, served the subpoena.

#### July 20-22

U.S. government officials are discussing plans with their Indian counterparts July 20 to fly 2,000-3,000 Indian soldiers to the neutral zone in Korea. They will guard the non-communist U.N. POWs there. On July 22 the U.S. assures the Indian government that its troops will be safe there.

#### July 22

The Defense Department announces that there were 1,026 American casualties in Korea for the week ending July 17. That brings the overall casualty figures to 139,272, including 24,965 dead.



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The WBAMC/Fort Bliss Blood Donor Center is taking walk-ins and appointments for Type "O" blood donors. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center is located in Bldg. 7167 (Lower Beaumont).

Blood is critical and is used to treat trauma victims who are patients at the post medical treatment facility or involved in accidents during the summer months. More importantly, blood is used to treat those soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors still involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For information, call Barbara J. Yancy-Tooks, donor recruiter, Lt. Shaw or Ana Avila at 568-3365.

## Clean get-away

The Clean Get-A-Way Office, which provides cleaning teams for cleaning government houses, will reduce operating hours July 24 through Aug. 8, due to a personnel shortage. The office will be open 1 to 4 p.m. daily during this period. Normal hours will resume Aug. 11. For information, call 568-7686.

## HOPE Tuesday

HOPE Tuesday Volunteer Recognition

Picnic is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kelly Park. Events include worship, volunteer recognition, catered dinner, and family activities including miniature golf, moon jumping and a bungee run. All families who participated in the HOPE Tuesday program are invited to attend.

## Temperature control

It is that time of year when high temperatures coupled with high humidity make swamp coolers, evaporative coolers, and air washers operate at less than optimum efficiency. The units are running and they are cooling to the best of capacity. These types of cooling systems are designed for humidity that is less than 17 percent. Recently our humidity has ranged from 30 to 70 percent.

For swamp coolers, evaporative coolers and air washers to work optimally you need to have movement of the air in your area. You should insure that your windows are opened a little bit and your doors opened if possible. This is contrary to what most folks are use to but is absolutely necessary for the cooling systems that we have in El Paso. For information, call 568-6627.

## Softball tourney this weekend

The first Patriot Softball Tournament, open to all intramural teams, is set for Saturday and Sunday at the Omar Bradley Softball Complex. Entry fee is \$80 per team. The double-elimination event will feature a home run derby. Team trophies go to the top three teams, with individual T-shirts and trophies going to players of the top two teams. Call George Solorzano at 821-8058 or e-mail lubsolo@aol.com to register.

## Rugby-sign-ups underway

The El Paso Scorpions rugby football club is signing up players for its fall 2003 season and for the spring 2004 season. No experience is required, as Scorpions' coaches will train all interested athletes in a fun, safe environment.

Interested military or civilian personnel may sign up for the Scorpions, for the under 19 high school boys' teams or for youth touch rugby, which is for boys and girls age 7 to 14. Training will be held twice a week, with games on Saturdays.

For information, call Doug Park at 833-1322.

## Change of command

The director, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School will take command of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Friday at 8:30 a.m. in a change of command ceremony at Noel Field. Col. Kenneth J. Cox will succeed Col. Robert H. Woods, Jr. as head of the brigade. Woods will be reassigned as the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss. In the event of poor weather conditions, the ceremony will be held at Milam Gymnasium.

## Car seat program

The Fort Bliss Family Advocacy Program at the FAC, Bldg. 2494, has a Car Seat Program in which they will lend car seats to military families free of charge. The family must come in and watch an informative video on safety and then a certified technician will instruct them how to put the seat safely in a car. Program representatives will also inspect

car seats families have already purchased, to ensure it is installed correctly. This program is not rank or income dependent. Anyone can make use of this program. Car seats offered are new and include seats designed for children with special needs. For information, call Lyn Matsey at 568-1132.

## Contract violations

The Directorate of Contracting is experiencing a rash of unauthorized commitments due to personnel (both civilian and military) entering into contractual agreements without the authority to do so. Only the contracting office can appoint ordering officers and contracting officer representatives; any other appointments made by any other personnel are invalid. If someone is signing an agreement or contract with a contractor without DOC approval, the contract is not valid. For information, call Colleen Burns at 568-5150.

## Vendors needed

The Northeast Teen NETWORK will have its 2nd Annual Family Fun Day from 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 23, at Skyline Optimist Youth Park, 5050 Yvette. The event is currently seeking vendors interested in participating at the activity.

Events include games, food, entertainment and an arts and crafts fair. The cost for a vendor to rent a table is \$35. Each additional table is \$10. Tables will be provided by organizers. No food vendors will be accepted.

Reservations must be made by Aug. 8. To reserve a table or for information on

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Prospective warrants sought

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Vacation Bible School

The Fort Bliss Protestant Vacation Bible School will be held July 28 through Aug. 1 at the Religious Activities Center, Pershing and Merritt roads. The school will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 28-31, and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 1.

All children, four years old through sixth graders, are invited to attend. Buses will pick up children from all housing areas on post and a free lunch will be served each day. For information, call 568-0360 or visit the Protestant Religious Education Office, Bldg. 449.

Range scheduling changeover

Range scheduling will be closed from Aug. 4 - 15 for the installation and training on the new scheduling system. Ranges will still be operational during that timeframe. Range-scheduling procedures will be suspended for those two weeks. Units that need to schedule ranges must do so prior to this time. Units with ranges not scheduled by Aug. 4 must wait to schedule until completion of the new system changeover. For information, call 569-9280.

Tax assistance offered

The Fort Bliss Tax Center is re-opening to offer free federal income tax assistance to all re-deployed soldiers. Tax preparation and electronic filing will be available on a first come, first served basis.

The center is open Friday only through Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The tax center is located in Bldg. 50 on Slater Road. For information, call 568-4999.

Breastfeeding class

The Basics of Breastfeeding Class,

which was offered monthly by the Community Services Center, will no longer be available. The OB/GYN clinic at William Beaumont Army Medical Center will begin a weekly Basics of Breastfeeding Class July 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Child abuse seminar

William Beaumont Army Medical Center and the Armed Forces Center for Child Protection will present a seminar on child abuse/maltreatment for health care, law enforcement, and education professionals.

There are child abuse cases here and throughout the United States. It is important that all child care professionals be able to identify and solve child abuse problems through a multidisciplinary approach.

It will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., July 29-31 at the Hawthorne Inn and Suites. The cost is \$15 per day. You may attend one day or all three days. For additional information, call Tanya McCollum, 569-1316, or Mary Bell, 569-1152.

AFTB training

The Fort Bliss Army Family Team Building Program is offering classes Level 1 - Aug. 5 and 7, 5:30 p.m.; Level 1 (in Spanish) Aug. 26 at 8:30 a.m.

The Fort Bliss Army Family Team Building Program offers Level 1 course in Spanish. The class is scheduled for Aug. 26 at 8:30 a.m. For information or to sign up for this class, call 568-2382. Make reservations at the Child Development Center by calling 568-5689 and AFTB will pay for participants' childcare.

Bliss night with the Diablos

Aug. 7 is Fort Bliss night at the El Paso Diablos. Game time is 7 p.m. See the Diablos battle the San Antonio Missions and cheer our home team to victory. The Fort Bliss Color Guard will present the Colors and the 62nd Army Band will perform. The entire game is dedicated to honoring military personnel at Fort Bliss. "Family Feast" concession items include hot dogs, ice cream sandwich, popcorn, and pretzels for 50¢. General Mills will provide tickets for all military patrons. For information, call 568-4601.

Vet nominees sought

Nominations are needed for veterans of

World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Panama, Grenada, Bosnia, and the War on Terrorism. The Air Defense Association will honor two individuals from each conflict at its annual Veterans Day Gala in November.

Nominations must include basic information about the nominee to include a summary of their wartime service, i.e., dates, locations, unit names, and contributions. It should also include their decorations, awards and subsequent community service. Nomination forms are available at the Fort Bliss Museum and Study Center (Bldg. 1735, Marshall Road) and the Public Affairs Office (Bldg. 15, Slater Road). Completed nomination forms should be mailed to the Air Defense Association, P. O. Box 6101, Fort Bliss, Texas 79906. The Association must receive them by Sept. 10.

For information, call Edith Fanning at 568-2711.

Tobacco cessation classes

Are you having a hard time trying to quit smoking or using spit tobacco? If so, help is available at Community Health Nursing, located in the Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic, Bldg. 2496.

The Tobacco Cessation Program consists of four sessions beginning the first Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is required for participation. Sessions are one-and-one-half hours each, beginning at 1 p.m. and are held on Fort Bliss at the Bldg. 48 Clinic Assembly Room.

For information, call Community Health Nursing at 568-9959. Leave a name and telephone number where you may be reached. You will be contacted to register for the next available class.

Green to Gold

UTEP Army ROTC will be offering

Green to Gold Briefings for active-duty soldiers who are interested in pursuing a career as Army officers. Scholarships and monthly allowances are available. These briefings will be held at the Education Center at Fort Bliss every second Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. Also, an additional briefing at WBAMC every third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. For additional information, call Maj. Corey Roen at 747-5621 or 747-6692.

Uncomplicated pregnancies

The OB/GYN clinic is now implementing new clinical practice guidelines for uncomplicated pregnancies. Each patient will have an initial visit with an OB nurse to discuss her plan of care throughout the pregnancy. On each subsequent visit with her doctor, she will be given information and education that will enhance the birthing experience.

As a result of this new program, the OB orientation will be discontinued. Labor & Delivery will continue to offer childbirth and infant care classes. New initiatives also include breastfeeding educators in the OB Clinic and Labor & Delivery to answer questions and provide support before and after delivery. We have also established a breastfeeding room in the OB Clinic available to all active duty and military dependents.

FCC orientation class

Child Development Services will hold a mandatory Family Child Care orientation class from 6 to 8 p.m. July 29 for individuals desiring to become certified. The class is also open to spouses; however, spouses are not required to attend. Topics to be covered include "History of Army Child Care Services," "Family Child Care Home Categories," "Benefits



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The orientation class is free of charge and a prerequisite for the weeklong training set for Aug. 25 through 29. The week-long classes are to be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in Classroom 139 at the main CDS center, Bldg. 1730 on Haan Road.

For information or to pre-register, call the FCC office at 568-4198.

Franklin Falls

Kelly Park mini golf, Franklin Falls, features a new 18-hole, 22,000 square foot miniature golf course, with an elevated 10-foot waterfall, interconnecting streams, ponds, a fountain, big boulders and natural stones, along with varying elevations throughout the course. The course hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and holidays, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. The park is closed Monday. The mini golf course is also available for birthday parties Tuesday through Sunday during the summer and on the weekends during the school year.

Choose from hotdog, pizza slice or mini pizza party packages at just \$5 per child. For information, call Kelly Park at 568-1987.

Underwood kids

The Underwood Golf Complex is accepting applications for its “Underwood Kids” golf classes, to be held from July 15-18 and July 22 – 25. PGA Golf Pro and Club Manager Bobby Kaerwer will oversee the sessions, which are open to children 6 to 18. Classes will be held Tuesday through Friday and participants may sign up for a class at either 8 or 9 a.m. Classes are limited to 10 students per session. The fee is \$50 for the 8 lessons, which includes instruction on the fundamentals of golf, clubs, range ball, visor, rulebook, and T-shirt. For information or to register, call 562-1273.

Free childcare

Fort Bliss Child Development Services is providing up to 16 hours of free respite/reunion childcare for soldiers who were deployed during Operation Iraqi

Freedom. These hours can be used for regular hourly care during the week and/or during any evening or Saturday openings. Parents taking advantage of this offer should bring a copy of their deployment orders when dropping off their child. This free childcare offer will be in effect until Aug. 10. Call 568-5709 for details, or to make reservations.

German-American Night Run

The 10th Annual Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union German-American Oktoberfest Night Run is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 13 at Kelly Park. This run, sponsored by the German Air Force Air Defense School, Fort Bliss’ Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union, has established itself as one of the most recognized running events in El Paso. The event is open to all community members, not just military personnel. Pre-race activities begin at 4 p.m.

Participants may sign up for either the 8K Run (5 miles) or the 5K Fun Walk (3.1 miles). Entry fees are \$15 in advance and

\$18 the day of race. Military unit teams may run in the military competition, with the top five individual finishing times going toward their team’s overall time. Teams may include up to ten individuals, and the entry fee is \$100 per military unit team. Winners in each category receive awards.

Information sheets, with registration forms, are available at Stout Physical Fitness Center and Fort Bliss ITR. A registration form is also available online at <http://welcome.to/nightrun>. Early registrants may mail their registration form and check, made payable to IMWRF-Sports, to: P.O. Box 6100, Fort Bliss, TX 79906.

Proceeds from the race will benefit MWR and the German Air Force charity organizations “Helping Hands” and “Aid for the Needy,” which have been reaching out to the needy on both sides of the Texas/Mexico border for 20 years.

For information, call the Fort Bliss Sports Office at 568-4508 or 568-5995 or Franz Huber at 568-0259 or 855-3369 or visit <http://welcome.to/nightrun>.

A Legendary Summer

MWR is teaming up with Harley Davidson and Miller Brewing Company to bring you the "A Legendary Summer" promotion. A spin-off from Harley Davidson's 100th year anniversary promotion, "A Legendary Summer" will feature a Harley-Davidson bike giveaway, merchandising elements, instant-win prizes, and promotional nights ... all designed exclusively for Army MWR. The promotion starts June 1 and ends Aug. 31 at the Centennial Club, Golden Tee Restaurant, Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club, and the Fort Bliss Officers’ Club. Receive a scratch and win card with each purchase. If Miller Lite logos are revealed, you win a prize. On the back of the scratch-off game piece, you can also enter to win a Harley-Davidson motorcycle giveaway. Participants will need to complete the entry form and drop it in the entry box located at the participating facility. Drawing for the motorcycle will be toward the end of the summer. For information, call 568-6741.

4-H babysitting training

Fort Bliss Child and Youth Services will once again offer 4-H Babysitter Training for those 12 years and older.

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## Karaoke nights

The Fort Bliss Bowling Center hosts karaoke nights for MWR patrons and guests Thursday and Friday nights. Karaoke King takes to the stage beginning at 7:30 p.m. and plays until 11 p.m. Thursday and 12:30 a.m. Friday in the center's lounge. As a reminder, all non-active duty military guests, including family members and civilians, must be at least 21 to drink alcoholic beverages. For information, call 568-6272.

## Free summer meals

Fort Bliss Child and Youth Services will once again sponsor its Summer Food Service Program through Aug. 15. Meals will be provided free of cost to military and civilian children, ages 1 through 18, Monday through Friday. The main Child Development Center, Bldg. 1730 on Haan Road, and the Logan Child Development Center, Bldg. 3500 on Story Road, will

serve breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Fort Bliss YouthPlex, Bldg. 195 on Chaffee Road, will serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a snack from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. In addition to the free meals offered Monday through Friday, CYS will also host a Free Lunch and Water Activities each Wednesday at Kelly Park from 10 a.m. to noon. Available to military and civilian children, ages 1 to 18 years, this day will feature a different activity at the park, along with a free lunch. Also, every Friday there will be free lunch available to kids at Replica Pool from 11 a.m. to noon and Community Pool from noon to 12:30 p.m. It is also important to note that individuals eligible to participate in the Summer Food Service Program may not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-206, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin Texas 78714-9030, or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human

Services. For information on the summer lunch program, contact Laura Bell at 568-5709 or USDA Clerk Pat Bell at 568-4374.

## Sunday brunches

The Fort Bliss Officers' Club offers a Champagne Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday except holiday weekends. The cost is \$11.95 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 7 to 11 and free for children 6 and under. Reservations are recommended. Call 568-7013. Sunday brunches at the Centennial Club have been temporarily discontinued. Customers are asked, in the interim, to patronize the brunch served at Fort Bliss Officers' Club. The Centennial Club will continue to serve its specialty Sunday brunches to celebrate special occasions, like Grandparents Day (Sept. 7) and Thanksgiving Brunch (Nov 23). Reservations are required for specialty brunches and may be made by calling the Centennial Club at 562-5969.

## Bliss bowling briefs

Mystery Bowl 2 hits the Fort Bliss Bowling Center again this summer, offering more bowling prizes, more instant wins, and more mystery events. Now until July 31, with every purchase at the Fort Bliss Bowling Center, patrons will receive

an entry blank to participate in the weekly trip to the prize board. Win by scratching off one of the mystery spots on the board to reveal their prize. Sponsors for this summer's promotion are [www.GovArm.com](http://www.GovArm.com) and Brunswick. For information contact the MWR Marketing Office at 568-6741.

Fort Bliss Bowling Center patrons may bowl for just \$1 per game Monday thru Friday; \$1.50 per game Saturday thru Sunday during open bowling from opening to closing. Enjoy the center's beautiful ambiance with its 52 lanes, billiard and game room and snack bar that serves up delicious daily lunch specials. For information, call 568-6272. Summer hours are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday- Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday - Saturday. For information, call 568-6272.

The Fort Bliss Bowling Center is offering a variety of birthday and group party packages for teens and children alike, featuring its signature "Thunder Alley" bowling where the center comes alive with glow-in-the-dark bowling balls, pins and carpeting and patrons bowl to the latest dance music in a disco-like atmosphere. Teens, ages 12 and over, may choose to have their birthday or group party from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays or from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturdays, which will include bowling, shoe rental, food and beverage for each guest. Parties may be customized with a minimum of ten guests required per group. Parents may choose from four different birthday packages for their children, which include one game and shoe rental for each participating child along with food, beverage, party favors and hats. Prices range from \$6 to \$6.50 per child, with a minimum of six children required per party. Parties are available Saturday and Sunday, with the "Thunder Alley" party set for Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. The Bowling Center now features automatic bumpers, controlled by the center's scoring system, for the benefit of younger bowlers who can now bowl together with older children and adults with little interruption to the game. Reservations are required for all parties. For information or to reserve your party, call 568-6272.

## Scuds and Suds

Scuds and Suds Car Wash facility on Doniphan Road between Cassidy and Chaffee Roads now features an automatic wash bay with four separate wash packages - wash and go, deluxe, premium and the ultimate wash. The various wash packages range from \$5 to \$8. In addition to the automatic car wash bay, the facility features seven do-it-yourself, coin-operated bays, including one large enough to accommodate an RV. The facility also provides vacuum hoses and fragrance machines. For information, call 630-8669.

## Biggs Paintball Park

Biggs Paintball Park opens at 10 a.m. Saturdays and noon Sundays for open play and closes at 8 p.m. both days. The cost is \$20 for all-day play, which includes equipment and 200 paintballs. Players with their own equipment pay a \$10 field fee, plus \$3 for all day air. Paintballs are available for purchase. The park may also be reserved by groups with 24-hour advance notice. Special group rates are available, with a required \$50 deposit. For information, call Biggs Park at 568-8087 or 568-7533.

### CDS payday hours

The Child Development Center continues to provide special hours of operation for payday Saturdays at its main location in Building 1730 on Haan Rd. Hours are 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. Cost for payday weekend care is \$2.50 per hour; \$2.00 for Tier I. Children, ages 2 months to 12 years, are eligible for the care. In order to open, a minimum reservation of 20 children is required. When there are not enough reservations to warrant opening, alterna-

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Summer pool hours

The Community Pool, adjacent to the Officers’ Club, has opened for the summer season. Summer hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, including holidays. The pool is open to all ID cardholders. The Community Pool features an enclosed tube slide and double loop slide as well as a large, shaded sitting area with

indoor/outdoor carpeting. Replica Aquatic Center summer hours are: Monday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The pool offers a variety of swim classes and open swim is available daily from 1 p.m. until closing. Patrons may swim at either the Community or Replica Pools at a cost of \$1 for adults, 75 cents for children 6 to 12 years and free for children 5 and under.

Financial readiness classes

Most people are so busy with day to day living that acquiring the financial education required to secure a better and prosperous future becomes a low priority. The Financial Readiness Program is designed to assist individuals in fulfilling this educational process. The FRP is composed of various financial classes to provide financial education to service members, families and post organizations. Participants can empower themselves for a better financial future by attending these classes and applying the financial keys introduced.

Classes are scheduled as follows:

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| <b>August</b>    |           |                       |
| 22               | 0845-1030 | STRETCH YOUR DOLLAR   |
| 11               | 1330-1500 | CHECK BOOK MANAGEMENT |
| 18               | 1330-1500 | USING CREDIT          |
| <b>September</b> |           |                       |
| 19               | 0845-1030 | STRETCH YOUR DOLLAR   |
| 8                | 1330-1500 | CHECK BOOK MANAGEMENT |
| 22               | 1330-1500 | BANK ON IT            |
| <b>October</b>   |           |                       |
| 17               | 0845-1030 | STRETCH YOUR DOLLAR   |
| 20               | 1330-1500 | CHECK BOOK MANAGEMENT |
| 27               | 1330-1500 | CONSUMER RIGHTS       |
| <b>November</b>  |           |                       |
| 14               | 0845-1030 | STRETCH YOUR DOLLAR   |
| 17               | 1330-1500 | CHECK BOOK MANAGEMENT |
| 14               | 1330-1500 | HOLIDAY SPENDING      |
| <b>December</b>  |           |                       |
| 12               | 0845-1030 | STRETCH YOUR DOLLAR   |
| 8                | 1330-1500 | CHECK BOOK MANAGEMENT |
| 15               | 1330-1500 | HOLIDAY SPENDING      |
| <b>January</b>   |           |                       |
| 12               | 1330-1500 | CHECK BOOK MANAGEMENT |
| 19               | 1330-1500 | TACKLING DEBT         |

For information or reservation of any of the classes, call the Community Services Center at 568-4614. Free childcare is available during classes. Call 568-5689 to reserve childcare service.

Guests are \$2 per person. A swim card may be purchased for just \$20 and is good for 30 visits at either the Replica or Community Pools. Officers’ Club members continue to use both Community and Replica Pools free of charge, as a membership benefit any day of the week, by showing their MWR membership card at either the Community or Replica pools. Members’ children may obtain a pool pass upon membership verification on their initial visit, which entitles them to free use of both pools throughout the summer. For information, the Replica Aquatic Center at 568-7431.

Biggs Water Park

Biggs Water Park, Fort Bliss’ unique, outdoor water playground located at Biggs Army Airfield, is open for the summer season. Park hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and holidays. The park is closed Monday. Biggs Water Park boasts two slides, a mushroom waterfall and a large patio area with umbrellas and lounge chairs. The wading pool features a variety of colorful animal statues, slides and sprinklers for the enjoyment of all its young patrons. Cost for use of the park is \$1 per child and 50 cents for each adult. For information, call Biggs Park at 568-8087 or 569-7733.

Returning club members

Upon returning to Fort Bliss, Golf and Officers' Club members who have waived their membership dues during deployment need to reinstate their membership status to take advantage of their membership benefits. For more details, call 568-4444 or visit Bonnie Hudson, MWR Financial Management Division, Bldg. 11 on Pershing Road, and bring a copy of your deployment orders.

SAS summer program

School-Age Services will offer full day structured and supervised activities during the EPISD summer break. Open to all

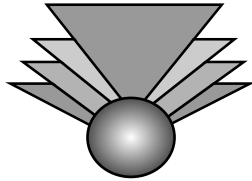
CYS children entering grades 2nd to 6th in the 2003-04 school year. The fun begins daily at 8 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Both SAS sites, the YouthPlex, B-195 or the Logan Youth Center, B-3508 will open at 5:30 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Join us in field trips, tours, bowling, roller-skating, computers, matinees, gooney golf, cooking & craft projects, swimming, picnics, sports, and 4-H projects. Fees are based upon total family income and range from \$28 to \$89 a week or \$11 to \$22 a day. Ask about our 20 percent multiple child summer discount off weekly fees for a second child in any of our Child & Youth Services (CYS) programs! Register in CYS at the Central Registration Office, located in the Main Child Development Center, B-1730 off Haan Road. You will need to schedule an appointment, 568-5689, and bring with you, child’s shot records and physical forms, child’s birth certificate, and your military ID and most recent LES. Child Development Services will offer a summer program for those children who will be entering kindergarten or first grade in the 2003-04 school year and Youth Services, YouthPlex, will offer a Middle School & Teen Summer Program. For information on SAS, call 568-8336. For information on YS programs, call 568-KIDS. Space is limited and advance payments are required.

ITR hours

The Fort Bliss Information, Ticketing and Registration Office is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, closing for lunch from 1 to 2 p.m. ITR is the on-post discount ticket outlet for many area attractions such as Western Playland and Wet ‘n’ Wild, as well as regional and national destinations including Disney World, Disneyland, Sea World, Six Flags and Fiesta Texas. ITR also offers hotel discounts and travel information. For information, call 568-7506 or stop by the

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The Dungeon

The Dungeon, MWR’s physical fitness center located in the basement of Hinman Hall next to the AAFES Snack Bar and Bookstore, is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center features a weight room with a complete line of Hammerstrength weight equipment and a cardio room, equipped with two treadmills, three cross-trainers, one stepper and two bicycles. Ideal for those who want a quick workout, the Dungeon is open to all soldiers, civilian personnel and family members. Patrons are asked to bring towels for their own personal use and, since

there are no attendants on duty, are also asked to help take care of the facility. Towels and spray bottles, containing a mild disinfectant solution, are available throughout the center to wipe down equipment if necessary. The Dungeon also features a stereo system and television sets in both the weight and cardio rooms. For information, call 568-4508.

Financial assistance

The Community Services Center offers a variety of services to assist those who may find themselves juggling their finances. For a free, confidential appointment on individual “Budget and Debt Management” to help get your finances in order, call 568-4136 or 568-4614 or stop by CSC, Bldg. 2494 on Ricker Road.

POV resale lot

The MWR Privately-Owned Vehicle resale lot is located on the corner of Cassidy and Marshall roads. Those who wish to register their vehicles for resale must do so through the Fort Bliss ITR Office, Bldg. 1743 on Victory Ave. The cost is \$12 for cars and \$20 for recreational vehicles. For information, call 568-7506.

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us first. For information, contact Relocation Services at 568-6291.

Yard sale procedures

Occupants of Fort Bliss family quarters are reminded that personal yard sales may be conducted the first weekend of each month and on designated dates in conjunction with post-wide cleanup. Community signs advertising the yard sale are available for sign out from Self Help, Bldg. 1276, during normal working hours. The signs must be returned the following week. When planning on conducting a yard sale or for information, contact your housing area sponsor unit, community mayor or call the Garrison Command Community Life Officer at 568-6261 or 568-6461.

Travel reminder

All official travel to Fort Bliss, whether PCS or TDY, must use Fort Bliss Lodging if space is available. A Certificate of Non Availability will only be issued if lodging is full. Be advised that CNA’s must be obtained first before going off post. For information, call Fort Bliss Lodging at 565-7777.

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## Variety, repetition keys to improving push-up score

SPC. LEWIS HILBURN

Monitor Staff

This is the first installation in a three-part series centered on improving Physical Training scores.

It's safe to say everyone wants to be healthy and fit. For soldiers it goes beyond personal desire. For the military, physical fitness is a standard that must be maintained and a condition of employment.

To ensure fitness standards are met, the Army administers the Army Physical Fitness Test – measuring each soldier's ability to do as many push-ups and sit-ups as possible in two minute periods, and to run two miles in the shortest possible time.

NCOs who conduct PT agree there are many ways to improve a person's push-up raw score. One thing to keep in mind when working out – regardless of the exercises to be done—is to eat properly and stay hydrated. Sgt. 1st Class Jana Dixon, military analyst for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and School and master fitness trainer, said this is important because the body needs the nutrients lost during workouts. She also stressed the need to properly stretch your muscles before exercising.

"A lot of people don't take the time to stretch properly," she said. "Take your time and let your body warm up."

Dixon believes the best way for someone to improve their push-ups is to stretch properly and through repetition of the exercise. "You can't just do them (push-ups) on Monday and not do them for the rest of the week," Dixon said. She suggested doing physical training three to five times a week.

Drill Sergeant Sean Laske, Alpha Battery, 1-56 ADA, is a big believer in the pyramids. "You pick a number, roughly ten or above. Work all the way up to that number and come back down. I start off with 12 push-ups rollover and do 12 sit-ups. Then roll back over and do 11 push-ups and so on." When Laske does these sets he allows minimal rests between sets. Laske said form is another very important factor when doing push-ups. "Soldiers need to make sure when doing pushups they maintain proper form," he said. Laske and his fellow drill sergeants stress to their soldiers the importance of proper form because he said, push-ups done incorrectly will not be counted on a test and will hurt a soldier's score.

"It's the push-ups that graders and test takers have a conflict with. Very rarely do you see graders take away from sit-ups and you control the two-mile run."

Drill Sergeant Brian Thomas, Btry. A, 1-56 ADA, said he thinks the best way to get better at push-ups is to practice them as a timed exercise. "Normally I start off with a two minute assessment and see how many push-ups you can do in two minutes. Then, you can break that down from there and do one minute of push-ups, 45 seconds and 30 seconds," he said. "Your battle buddy in this case has the opportunity to evaluate your form."

Thomas also suggested performing a variety of push-ups – wide-arm, regular, close-hand and incline -- to work the entire upper body.

Dixon tells people they can use their own body weight and perform other upper body exercises to improve their push-up score. She suggested performing dips, push-ups and other exercises while watching television.

All three noncommissioned officers warn against the use of supplements, saying they are unnecessary for improvement. Dixon said the side effects of some of these supplements are not worth the risk. "Some health supplements have been known to cause heart attack and elevated heartbeat," she said. If a soldier does decide to use a supplement, she suggested they first consult a physician. Laske said soldiers going through Advanced Individual Training are not allowed to have supplements. Their leaders want soldiers to get a natural workout, added Thomas.



PFC. DUANE FISH

Arturo Gomez, third baseman for HHB, 11th ADA Brigade, crosses home plate after hitting the first of two inside-the-park grand slams Monday night.

## HHB, 11th blasts HHB, 2-1 ADA 25-3

MASTER SGT. STEVE MILLER

Public Affairs Chief

Nine walks and four errors contributed to a 14-run first inning Monday night for HHB, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, as they routed HHB, 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA, 25-3 at the Bradley Softball Complex.

The game was the first of the season for HHB, 2-1 ADA, after only one practice, and it showed, as pitcher Victor Marzan walked the first five batters, staking HHB, 11th to a 2-0 lead before they ever swung a bat. Ricky Kennedy added an RBI single, George Johansen walked to make it 4-0, and the rout was on.

"We need to get a pitcher – nobody wanted to pitch so we made somebody do it," said Sam Keele, HHB, 2-1 ADA, player-coach as he discussed the team's goals for the season. "Our outfield's pretty new, too. Two of the guys in the outfield tonight hadn't played with us."

Indeed, the HHB, 2-1 ADA outfielders committed three errors in the fateful first inning, and another dropped fly ball contributed to a five-run third for

HHB, 11th ADA Bde., which was highlighted by a three-run triple by Timothy Graham.

Arturo Gomez was the hitting star for the winners. He ripped a line drive into the gap in left center for an inside-the-park grand slam to highlight the big first inning and repeated the feat during a six-run second after a bloop single by Aaron Hunter and walks to Andre Rollins and Ty Hanzlik.

"Gomez had the green light. All of us can hit if we get the pitch," said Graham, player-coach for HHB, 11th ADA Bde.

HHB, 2-1 ADA fought back to score three runs in the top of the third to avoid a shutout. Jeremiah Siebert led off with an opposite-field single to left, Joseph Justiss blooped a single to right-center and Lucas Rangel beat out an infield single to load the bases. Theresa Baker and Rolando Vargas were then erased on RBI groundouts, and the third run came home on an error by Terry Titus.

The win evened HHB, 11th ADA Bde's record at 2-2. In the only other Echelons Above Corps League game Monday, B Battery, 5th Battalion, 52nd ADA edged the 286th Signal Company 5-3.

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## Post sports championships set this month, August

MASTER SGT. STEVE MILLER

Public Affairs Chief

Beginning with this weekend's post golf tournament, Fort Bliss championships in several sports will be decided between now and Labor Day.

Fort Bliss Sports Director Eric Hildreth and his assistants held an athletics and recreation meeting Friday with unit A&R representatives to outline the upcoming sports championships.

All sports are open to active duty military personnel, as well as activated Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers assigned or attached to Fort Bliss. Following is a summary of the upcoming post sports championships:

Post Intramural Golf championship – set for Friday through Sunday at the Underwood Golf Complex. Competition starts at 8 a.m. Friday, and continues Saturday and Sunday, starting at 7 a.m. each day. Rosters will be divided into foursomes, with the

best five scores each day counting toward the team total. Green fees are covered, but players must pay if they rent a cart. For information, call Bobby Kaerwer at 562-7255.

Post Intramural Track Championships scheduled for July 29 and 30 at Stout Track. Competition starts at 6 p.m. each night. July 29 qualifying races will be run in the 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter and 800-meter dashes, the 400-meter relay and 1,600-meter relay. The 1,500-meter final is also set that night. July 30 will see finals contested in all events, as well as a 5,000-meter final. Runners may participate in as many events as they wish but must register on the track no later than 30 minutes before the start of each event. Awards go to the top three men and women finishers in each event, with the team champion and runner-up getting team trophies. For information, call Eric Hildreth at 568-4508 or 5995.

Post qualifying run for Army

Ten Miler is set for 6 a.m. Aug. 1 at Biggs Park. The race is five miles out and back. The first six men and top six women to finish will compete Oct. 5 as the Fort Bliss team at the Army Ten Miler in Washington, D.C. Participants register the day of the event, starting at 5 a.m., and all runners will be assigned a number. For information, call Paul Fernandez at 568-5995.

Post Intramural Tennis championships can begin any time after the tournament brackets are posted Aug. 15 at Stout Gym. Rosters are due Aug. 14. Players should check the brackets each day to learn the time of their next match. Men compete in 34 and under, 35 to 39 and 40 or over age categories. Women compete in 29 and under, and 30 or over age categories. Competition is single elimination, best two of three sets. Awards go to the post champion and runner-up in each age category. For information, call Sgt. Maj. Scott Carr at 568-5995.



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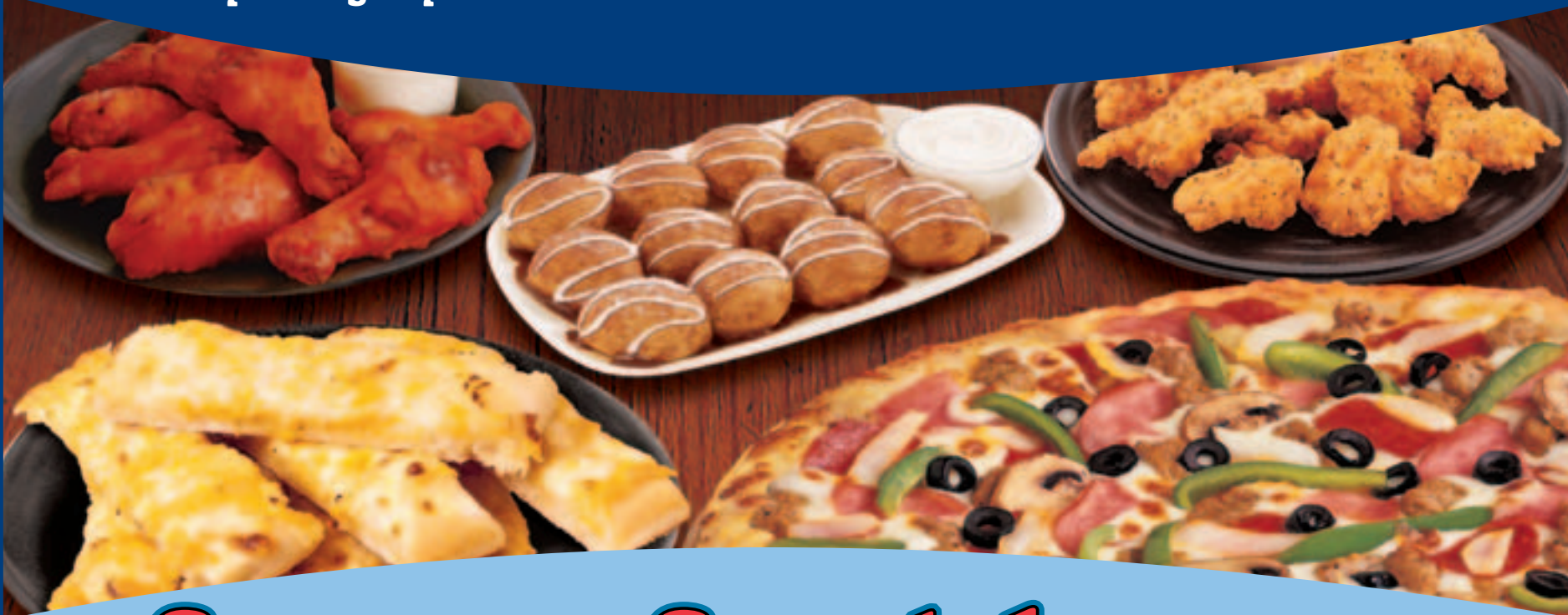
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